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Low index surprises pundits

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

The Consumer Price Index rose by 0.2 per cent in July, the Central Bureau of Statistics announced on Friday. The low inflation rate came as a surprise to economic observers and government officials, who were expecting a CPI rise of at least 0.5 per cent, and as a piece of good news for Finance Minister Moshe Nissim on the eve of the decision on the Lavi.

The rise brought the index to 177.4 points on a 1985=100 baseline. Cumulative inflation for the first seven months of the year totalled 8.8 per cent. If that pace continues until the end of the year, 1987 will register an inflation rate of about 15.5 per cent. However, CBS officials warned on Friday that the first seven months of 1986 saw similar figures, but that the pace of price rises increased, and the year ended with a 20 per cent inflation rate.

The current low rate of inflation eased Treasury concerns that a cost-of-living allowance would have to be paid ahead of schedule. According to the existing C-o-L accords, the allowance is paid each time cumulative inflation reaches 7 per cent. Prices have risen by 5.5 per cent since March, when the latest C-o-L allowance was paid. With about two months of expected low inflation ahead it seems that workers will have to wait until November for the next allowance.

July's relatively low rate of inflation was the direct result of a seasonal drop in the price of fresh produce (9 per cent) and of clothing and footwear (3 per cent). These two items pushed down the index by almost 0.8 percentage points.

At the other end of the scale, housing prices rose 1.6 per cent, flat maintainance by 1.5 per cent and health services by 1.9 per cent. The prices of furniture and house appliances rose by 0.7 per cent, and of food products and transport services by 0.5 per cent.

According to CBS estimates flat prices in April-June rose by 6.5 per cent in Jerusalem, 6 per cent in Tel Aviv, 5.3 in Haifa and 3.5 per cent in the Sharon area.

The CBS showed a gap between the pace of increases in consumer prices and wholesale prices. Whereas the CPI rose by 8.8 per cent in the first seven months of the year, the wholesale price index of industrial products rose by 12.5 per cent.

The lower than expected inflation rate has been exploited by Finance Minister Nissim in his battle against the Lavi. He said on Friday that any stepping beyond budgetary limits would destroy all that has been achieved economically in recent months. He also warned that wage increments would harm economic stability.

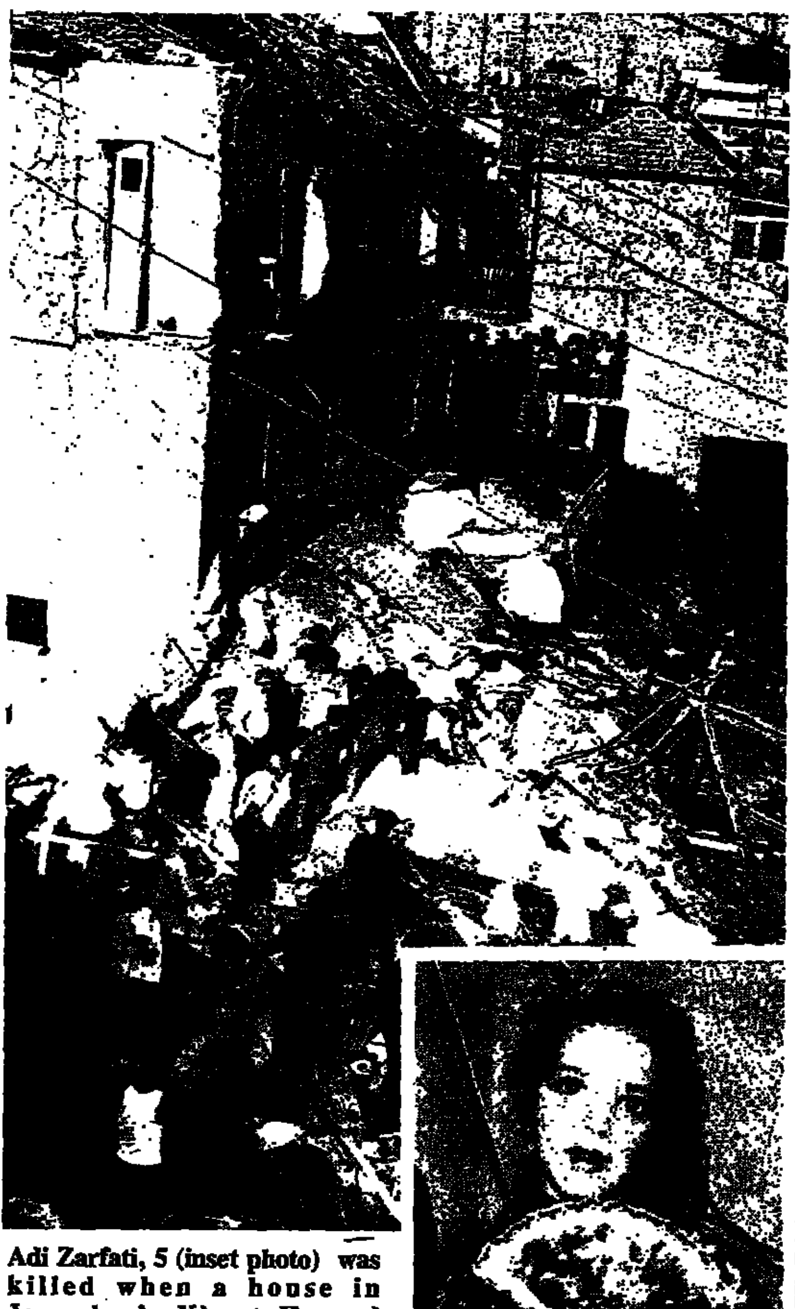
Histadrut secretary-general Yisrael Kessar said after the announcement of the index figures that it was a sign of stability in the economy. But he said it was necessary to prolong price controls to maintain stability. Kessar referred to the current wage talks and said that the fact that the CPI had risen less than expected was "no consolation to those that earn NIS 500 or less a month."

Kessar's call for a prolongation of price controls received a cool reception from industrialists. Manufacturers' Association managing-director Arnon Tiberg said there is no need for controls. The economy and the market forces should be left to run their way, he said.

Arab boycott woes

DAMASCUS (Reuter). – The Arab boycott office here is considering steps to counter a joint European-Israeli chamber of commerce established in Paris last year. The commissioner-general of the boycott office, Zuheir Aqeel, said the issue would head the agenda of a one-week meeting – which began yesterday – to discuss ways of tightening the boycott of Israel.

Earlier, Aqeel said that the new chamber was a prelude to complete economic cooperation between the European Community and Israel.



Adi Zarfati, 5 (inset photo) was killed when a house in Jerusalem's Kiryat Hayovel quarter collapsed on Friday. Workers clear rubble from the site after the accident. See story p. 2. (Photos-Hendler, Elharar)

Supply boat goes up on mine in the Gulf

ABU DHABI (Reuter). – A mine blew a boat to pieces at the main tanker anchorage outside the Gulf yesterday and two more mines were spotted in the sea.

Port officials said the two mines were seen between the ports of Fujairah and Khor Fakkan, in the area where the 45-metre tanker supply boat Anita was destroyed by a mine.

The explosion killed at least one crewman, the Indian chief engineer. Five people, including the British captain, were missing and five were sent to hospital in serious condition.

A port official said all vessels had been warned to stay 16 km clear of the Fujairah coastline which was now considered a dangerous area.

Frogmen supported by army helicopters and boats were searching for the missing Anita crewmen, one source said, but added: "The water in this area is too deep and rough."

The incident came a day after the United Arab Emirates (UAE) declared its waters safe for shipping after a mine damaged a tanker at Fujairah last Monday and three more were detected drifting among the tankers. Two of them were detonated and the third went missing.

The Anita was blown up 11km off the coastline between Fujairah and Khor Fakkan, two big ports off which dozens of tankers anchor before and after traversing the Strait of Hormuz and the Gulf.

"It has been blown to bits," said one shipping source.

The Anita was the sixth vessel – four of them inside the Gulf and two outside – to hit a mine in the past three months.

Shipping sources said tanker captains were getting "mine fever," mistaking floating junk as mines.

Earlier yesterday, the Saudi Press agency (SPA) reported a Saudi officer killed and another injured when a mine was detonated off the Saudi oil terminal of Khafji in the northern Gulf.

The agency also reported that four people were burned in a fire which

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Mubarak rejects Shamir regional talks proposal

CAIRO. – President Hosni Mubarak yesterday rejected a proposal by Israeli Premier Yitzhak Shamir for regional talks on the Middle East, saying he would accept nothing short of an international conference involving the major powers.

Mubarak did not mention Shamir by name, but there was no mistaking the target of his remarks in a speech opening an annual conference of Egyptian expatriates. He said that "Egypt holds that the starting point in efforts to achieve a comprehensive and just peace in the Middle East is agreement by all parties concerned, including Israel and the Palestine Liberation Organization, to an international conference."

"This conference should be attended by all parties directly concerned with the conflict and the five permanent members of the UN Security Council" (the U.S., Soviet Union, Britain, France and China).

Mubarak said that without the conference the escalation of extremism would continue.

Also in Cairo yesterday, a prominent editor strongly criticized Israel, saying its leaders were two sides of the same bad coin.

Ibrahim Sa'ada, editor-in-chief of the state-run daily, *Al-Akhbar*, said: "Israel's leaders are in an unfortunate position. They are against peace, whereas the whole world is pressuring them to accept peace.

"Shamir and Peres have agreed to prevent the convening of a conference by having the first dissaprove and the second approve of it, and long months go by with talk about their differences."

Sa'ada's article coincided with the resumption of international arbitration in Geneva this weekend over the fate of the tiny desert enclave of Taba claimed by Egypt but held by Israel. (AP, Reuter)

On eve of crucial cabinet debate

Scales tip against Lavi

By ASHER WALLFISH
And AVI TEMKIN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

As the cabinet convenes this morning for its weekly session, the call to cancel the Lavi warplane project commands a narrow majority.

But five ministers were last night still wavering, over the wind-down proposal tabled jointly by Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin and Finance Minister Moshe Nissim.

While Economics Minister Gad Ya'acobi announced last night that he would vote to scrap the Lavi, two ministers-without-portfolio, Yitzhak Moda'i and Yigal Hurvitz, who said earlier that they opposed the project, made it known that they were vacillating.

The other "undecideds" who could hold the key to the final vote are Foreign Minister Shimon Peres, Absorption Minister Ya'acov Tsur and Minister without Portfolio Yitzhak Peretz.

No further motions for the cabinet vote had been tabled as of last night. Behind the scenes, however, a proposal has also been mooted for the project to be continued provided resources can be found outside the state budget, not only for the plane itself but also for other new sophisticated weapons systems still to be developed as the IDF demands.

FOR LAVI	AGAINST LAVI	UNDECIDED
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Moshe Arens	Moshe Nissim	Yitzhak Moda'i
Gideon Patt	Arye Nehamkin	Yitzhak Peretz
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Shoshana Arbeli	Avraham Sharir	
	Gad Ya'acobi	

Despite the tension there is no certainty that the cabinet will actually hold a final vote today. In the event of deferment the intense lobbying by advocates of the project and its opponents, which continued unabated over the weekend, will be extended until the final die is cast.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir, who supports the project, said in a bland interview with Israel Radio's weekly news magazine that he expects the vote to be held today.

The U.S., he said, has every right to express its opinion about the project.

If the Lavi is halted it will be the end of seven years of research and development on which some $1.5 billion has been spent. Scrapping the project will have an immediate effect on employment. Some 2,000 to 3,000 workers will be dismissed from the Israel Aircraft Industries over the coming months; many plants subcontracting for the project will also be directly affected.

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IAI bid to sway defence chiefs fails

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT

TEL AVIV. – A last minute attempt by the Israeli Aircraft Industries to persuade the defence establishment to support the Lavi programme failed on Friday. Presentation of the last-ditch plea was met with disbelief, partly because of erroneous estimates the company has provided in the past, defence sources said.

The IAI officials tried to allay the suspicions by offering to sign a contract stipulating they would produce the plane at an agreed price.

The plan envisaged some changes in the development stage including a significant cut in the number of test flights and cancellation of a

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Some questions and answers

The Lavi: Why it is being built? How far has the project been developed? And, what are the real issues in the present dispute? Defence Reporter Joshua Brilliant puts the key questions into perspective.

Q. What is the Lavi supposed to do?

A. The Lavi was designed as a light multi-mission fighter, eventually to replace the Kfirs and Skyhawks which have served the Israel Air Force until now.

It is designed with air-to-air combat capability up to a distance of 1,850 kilometres from home base. By and large the U.S. built F-16C is regarded as superior in this department.

The Lavi is planned to carry a bigger bomb load than the F-16 but would have fewer missiles. Its second function would be to penetrate enemy air space at low altitudes, strike at airports, convoys, roads and other targets.

It has been tailor-made for the IAF's requirements, incorporating lessons from the Yom Kippur war, when Israel lost 102 planes. As conceived, it should be able to survive in areas covered by dense anti-aircraft systems and saturated with electronic warfare measures. The Lavi's computers are planned to analyse such threats, determine priorities and advise the pilots on what action to take.

A high-altitude mission could boost the Lavi's operational range to 2,130.

Overall, the Lavi is considered a very good aircraft, but not a generation ahead of parallel planes like the F-16 as sometimes claimed. In addition, since it is still undergoing tests and its avionics systems are only now being developed, it remains an unproven aircraft while the F-16 has already been battle tested.

Q. What has been accomplished so far?

A. Two prototypes have been built and some 80 flight tests conducted. The plane long ago broke the sound barrier and recently successfully tested refuellings in the air. A third prototype is now under construction.

Q. When are the planes due to come off the assembly line?

A. The first plane in serialized production is expected in 1990 and the first squadron in 1993.

The first squadron with the new, specifically designed avionics is due to appear only two years later. The Lavis being tested now are equipped with Kfir panels. These dates are not definite.

Q. How much will the project cost?

A. So far $1.5b. has been spent. Completion of development, but not production, will cost an extra $1.2 to $1.3. This is the key factor because the cost of producing a Lavi, once serial production gets underway, is expected to be comparable to the cost of an F-16C.

It is the cost of development that sends the price of the aircraft soaring.

Were, for instance, Israel to require 300 Lavis, the cost per plane would not be that high. At the moment, however, there seems no chance that the air force would need, let alone be able to absorb, even half as many planes.

In the nature of things the exact number of Lavis to be produced is unknown. The project is slated to last 15 years, and over such a lengthy period there will be several governments. The country could be at peace (which would reduce the number of planes needed) or be in active

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Bid to slay ex-minister in Cairo

CAIRO (Reuter). – A police officer was killed and three were wounded yesterday in a gun battle with a group suspected of trying to kill former Egyptian interior minister Nabawi Ismail, police sources reported.

Ismail escaped unhurt on Thursday night when gunmen in a car sprayed his home with submachinegun fire. Two passers-by were injured, some seriously.

The sources said the gun battle broke out when police raided a doctor's clinic at al-Khorkaneya village, 30 kilometres north of Cairo.

They identified one of the suspects as Mohammed Kazem, a member of the Moslem fundamentalist clandestine Atonement and Flight Society, which was implicated in the 1981 assassination of President Anwar Sadat.

The suspects escaped but the police found hand grenades, an automatic rifle, a revolver and ammunition inside the clinic.

They also seized a bag containing three letters, one addressed to former minister Ismail saying: "We have carried out the operation and you will not be able to escape."

The police are investigating possible links between the attack on Ismail and the shooting of Hassan Abu Basha, another former interior minister, who was seriously wounded last May.

Ismail became interior minister in May, 1980, and was in charge of police and security in 1981, when Sadat ordered the arrest of some 1,500 on charges of inciting religious strife.

IDF probes shooting of man in Nablus petrol bomb incident

By JOEL GREENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The IDF is investigating the shooting in the head of a man as he was about to throw a petrol bomb at a patrol in Nablus on Friday evening, a military spokesman said.

Mahmud Fayez Kakhen, 20, was reported to be in serious condition at Hadassah hospital in Ein Karem, Jerusalem. Palestinian sources said two other young men were wounded in the legs.

The IDF spokesman said the shooting occurred after a petrol bomb had been thrown at a patrol in the old market of Nablus. The bomb exploded without causing any damage, and troops began searching for the assailant. During the search, the commander of the force saw a man about to thrown a petrol bomb at the soldiers. The commander shot at the man, wounding him in the head. He was taken to Rafidiya Hospital in Nablus, and later transferred to Jerusalem.

A curfew was imposed on the old market area.

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COPENHAGEN	13	54	20	68	Rain
FRANKFURT	16	61	26	79	Clear
GENEVA	16	61	31	88	Cloudy
HELSINKI	8	46	12	54	Rain
HONG KONG	25	77	29	84	Cloudy
JOHANNESBURG	5	41	17	63	Clear
LISBON	18	64	26	79	Clear
LONDON	15	59	25	77	Clear
MADRID	25	77	36	97	Cloudy
MONTREAL	18	64	22	72	Rain
NEW YORK	17	62	27	81	Clear
OSLO	11	52	15	59	Cloudy
PARIS	15	59	25	71	Clear
RIO DE JANEIRO	19	66	37	99	Clear
SAO PAULO	22	72	31	88	Clear
STOCKHOLM	12	54	18	65	Rain
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Haifa Port	63	22–32	31
Tiberias	63	23–38	37
Nazareth	—	—	—
Afula	49	21–34	34
Shomron	41	22–33	33
Tel Aviv	61	22–32	32
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Zealots on the warpath

By ANDY COURT

Ultra-Orthodox demonstrators never got as far as the Jerusalem Cinematheque to protest the showing of Friday night films this weekend, but a group of a few hundred threw bottles and stones closer to home in Mea Shearim, early yesterday morning, slightly injuring a driver.

Six ultra-Orthodox men and youths were arrested for allegedly throwing stones and bottles at cars passing near the intersection of Nevi'im and Straus Streets at about 1:30 a.m. yesterday. They were part of a group of about 300 to 400 which gathered in the general area of the Mitchell theatre and were dispersed with teargas, according to Jerusalem police chief Yosef Yehuda'i.

Earlier Friday night the police had spread their forces around the Mea Shearim neighbourhood to keep ultra-Orthodox demonstrators from going to the Cinematheque to protest. Jeeploads of Border Policemen stood by in downtown Zion Square as young people waited around, expecting some excitement.

But there was none. Yehuda'i told reporters that he had warned ultra-Orthodox leaders that if any of their supporters sought to protest without a permit in the downtown area they would be dispersed with force the moment they left their neighbourhood.

There are differences of opinion within the ultra-Orthodox community, with some rabbis claiming that the protests desecrate Shabbat more than the films do, Yehuda'i said.

While police and Border Police stood by in downtown Jerusalem, several hundred members of Mapam, the Citizens Rights Movement and other organizations held "vigils" around the Cinematheque. There were no clashes with police, and the group dispersed around midnight after the film had ended.

The current tension in the city over weekend entertainment has not gone unnoticed by city hall. Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek's One Jerusalem Party decided on Friday to explore ways to expand cultural and artistic activities on Shabbat.

Municipality spokesman Rafi Davara said that the decision was not intended to anger the ultra-Orthodox community but rather to fulfil the needs of young people living in the city and soldiers on leave, all of whom have little to do on Friday nights in the capital.

To underscore this point, Kollek went to the main exit that leads from the city to Tel Aviv to talk with young people who were going there in search of night life.

The One Jerusalem council members did not discuss changing the city by-laws governing Shabbat activities, Davara said. But this week a committee will be appointed to suggest ways of expanding cultural and artistic activities on Friday nights, and they will be free to explore all kinds of possibilities, he said.

An ultra-Orthodox demonstrator is hauled away by police during the demonstration in Jerusalem late on Friday night (Tiktiner, Media)

Girl dies when home collapses

A five-year-old girl was killed on Friday afternoon when a building in the Kiryat Hayovel neighbourhood of Jerusalem collapsed.

Adi Zarfali died after the supporting columns under the room in which she was sleeping gave way. Her father, Benzi, had earlier noticed that something was wrong and managed to get Shevi, 7, and Liat, 9, into a safer part of the apartment.

The columns gave way as he returned for the sleeping Adi. He managed to dig his way out of the rubble suffering slight injuries. A rescue team found Adi's lifeless body after a two-hour struggle to reach her.

The section of the building which collapsed was an addition to an older structure. (Itim)

Lavi – the economic dimension

Shlomo Maoz considers the economic implications of abandoning the Lavi project

What will halting the Lavi project mean to the IAI and its employees?

The IAI will have to leave the exclusive club, numbering only a few members in the world, which have the ability to produce advanced aircraft. About 3,000 employees will get the sack immediately, and probably more over the next few months. As with the Sinai evacuees, we may expect that they will be granted generous compensation, with estimates ranging up to an average $55,000 per person.

What influence will it have on Israeli industry as a whole?

In the first stage most of the electronics and metal sectors will suffer as a result of stopping its orders from sub-contractors. This will probably spark a wave of redundancies and even bankruptcies of some firms solely dependent on orders from IAI. But in the long run it could turn out to be to their benefit. For years the IAI has attracted thousands of the most talented workers and non-subsidized industries could not compete. Dozens of large firms and hundreds of small enterprises could recruit skilled workers if the IAI ends work on the Lavi.

Will the decision on halting the project have any influence on the Israeli economy?

It will be the first time in our economic history that the government has slaughtered a holy cow. It could radically alter our attitude to infrastructure projects and others which were previously considered essential. Major sections of our economy are built on outdated, inefficient frameworks. Strong groups with vested interests have succeeded in holding up needed changes without which growth is impossible. If the Lavi is indeed killed, this will signal a break in the monopolistic structure.

What about the defence budget?

Finance Minister Nissim has already promised Defence Minister Rabin that if the Lavi project is cancelled, the defence budget will not be cut. As a result the defence establishment has achieved something it has sought for a long time – a rise in the real defence budget for the first time since it was cut two years ago. By stopping the Lavi project the Israel air force will have its fighters – the F-16C – and the army will have an additional $200-300 million per year for domestic spending. That will boost orders to local industry. Actually, by deciding to halt the project, the government is indirectly authorising a higher total IDF budget.

Are we going to lose the whole investment on the Lavi which totalled $1.5-2b.?

Most of the investment will indeed go down the drain since the technology is only suitable for the Lavi. But the economy as a whole will get some positive spin-off from the advanced technology. We should also bear in mind that without the project, we would not have received the extra American allocation, now worth $400m. a year – the equivalent of $400m. of added value in the export of Israeli goods.

QUESTIONS

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war (which would require an increase).

If current predictions are accurate and the Air Force buys only 75-100 Lavis then the cost per plane would be prohibitively high.

Military sources note that in order to make the Kfir programme viable the Israel Aircraft Industry had built far more Kfirs than were needed. Thus many Kfirs have not been absorbed by the air force.

Q. How are the Americans involved?

A. They have been funding the project. Of the $1.5 spent on the Lavi so far Israel has of its own resources invested only $70m. to $90m.

The American broke with precedent is not requiring recipients of its military aid to utilize the money for purchases in the U.S. The U.S. has agreed that $300m. of its annual aid be spent in Israel. Originally, that was done to finance the Lavi. The U.S. later relented still further, permitting Israel to use the money for other projects as well.

U.S. firms are also involved in producing the Lavi. Grumman is to produce the wings and the PW1120 engine is made by Pratt and Whitney. Only half the plane is home-made.

The U.S. opposes the Lavi mainly because it believes the F-16C is just as good, is cheaper, and can be delivered two years ahead of the Lavi. It thus considers that there are better ways of spending the American taxpayer's money.

Q. What are the arguments for going ahead with the project?

A. There are several. The project enhances national pride; Israel will be building a plane which ranks with the best – some would say *the* best.

It is made especially to suit the IAF's needs.

It will boost Israel's high-tech industries. Already, it has helped secure technologies which Israel may not otherwise have had. Some such technologies cannot be acquired abroad, since even close allies do not share all their military secrets.

The Israel Aircraft Industries, the Lavi's main contactor, argue that cancelling the project will end forever production of a combat aircraft here; that thousands of people engaged in the project would lose their jobs; and that some will leave the country. The IAI, one of the jewels of Israeli industry, would be reduced to a "mere aircraft repair facility," they claim. Supporters also claim that the state's budget is so big and the sums required are relatively so small that the money can be found – if there is a will.

the Lavi?

A. The defence establishment maintains that there is not enough money for the Lavi and also for the other weapons systems that it considers much more important in a future war.

The army's experts have analysed the battles the IDF may face in the future, study the relative performance of aircraft and tanks in past battles and have concluded that some other new weapons could be far more effective.

An increase in the defence budget is not anticipated because politically this is generally agreed to be time for increasing investments in economic growth rather than in defence. There is peace with Egypt, Syria is considered unlikely to go to war in the near future and Iraq is busy fighting Iran. Should the defence budget be increased economic goals would suffer.

Nor can the IDF cut other expenditure to provide the $210m. a year or more needed to finance both the Lavi and the other necessary defence projects. The military budget has already been cut to such an extent that the IDF was forced to reduce the number of its combat planes and tanks.

Israel has no relative advantage in producing "platforms" such as an aircraft. It does have an advantage in avionics, missiles and other such sophisticated weapons systems so it would be much wiser to spend its dollars in these spheres. The new projects would provide jobs for may of the IAI experts and for scientists in other plants which are currently suffering from a shortage of defence orders. In any event many of the Lavi's designers will be out of a job once serial production begins, and there will certainly be no money to develop a successor.

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swept through the Saudi gas liquefaction plant at Ras al-Juaimah, 70 km northwest of Bahrain. It quoted an official statement as saying the fire, brought under control, had been started by an electrical fault.

The Anita explosion occurred as Iran's navy conducted minesweeping operations – which Teheran previously described as exercises – in international waters in the Gulf of Oman, closely watched by American, British and French warships. Teheran's national news agency Irna said the Iranian naval force, escorted by two warships, had detected no mines so far in operations which began Friday.

It said mine-sweeping helicopters were participating in the exercises. Iran is known to have two 320-ton coastal minesweepers made in the U.S.

The U.S. has accused Iran of laying mines in the Gulf region, but Teheran has accused the U.S. and its regional allies.

Iran says there is no need for other countries to send minesweepers to the region because it has the ability to clear mines. American, French and British mine-hunting units are on their way to the Gulf and the Soviet Union already has minesweepers in the region.

The UAE on Friday rejected an offer by Iran to help minesweepers operations off its coast.

A foreign ministry statement said the UAE had thanked Teheran for the proposal but would rely on its own resources.

Bir Zeit protesters released on bail

By JOEL GREENBERG

Six American and European volunteers arrested on Thursday after a demonstration near the U.S. consulate in East Jerusalem have been released on bail. The Americans said they would ask the consulate to file an official complaint with the Israeli authorities charging the police with brutality in breaking up the demonstration, held to protest against the arrest of three Bir Zeit University students at the volunteers dormitory.

"We are going to apply to the U.S. consulate to file an official protest about our treatment," said Samir al-Sayed, 24, of College Station, Texas, who was arrested with Karima Bennoune, 20, of Detroit, as they walked toward the consulate building holding their passports. Both charged that the police had used excessive force against the demonstrators though the protest was non-violent.

The volunteers, who were here to participate in a summer community-work programme in Arab villages and refugee camps sponsored by Bir Zeit University, continue to deny police claims that force was only used after the demonstrators rioted and ignored orders to disperse.

The volunteers claim that after police used clubs and tear gas to disperse demonstrators, they entered the neighbouring YMCA building and knocked down and repeatedly clubbed and kicked three Belgians and one British volunteer, none of whom had offered any resistance. The men were struck on the head, face and back, and one was kicked in the groin, the volunteers said. Police stood on the knee of another, it was charged. One of the Belgians was taken to hospital.

U.S. Marines inaugurate Kfir squadron in Arizona

By DAVID MAKOVSKY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. – The U.S. Marine Corps inaugurated its squadron of Kfir single-engine jet fighters at a ceremony in Yuma, Arizona on Thursday.

Due to the jet's mobility, considered to be similar to that of the Soviet MiG-21, the 13 Kfirs will be used to simulate enemy planes (an aggressor squadron) in training exercises. The U.S. Navy has been using a squadron of Kfirs for similar purposes since 1985.

The Kfirs are on loan to the Marines and the Navy under an agreement between the U.S. armed services and the Israeli Defence Ministry. Israel Aircraft Industries (IAI) received a $90-million three-year contract from the Marines for maintenance support and spare parts. Marine instructor pilots were trained in Israel.

Yesterday's ceremony, attended by 400 people at a Marine hangar, was presided over by the commandant of the Marine Corps., General A. M. Gray, the Director of the Defence Ministry's U.S. Mission, Avraham Ben-Yosef, and Ya'acov Ben-Bassat, a senior IAI executive. A dozen Marine generals also attended.

Speaking at the ceremony, Ben-Yosef said that the Marines' "acquisition of the Kfirs is a fulfilment of the philosophy and policy of cooperation originated by a memorandum of agreement by our two defence departments eight years ago."

The inauguration attracted wide media coverage on the West coast and the local television station broadcast the ceremony live.

Blackout on U.S. Egypt maneuvers

CAIRO (Reuter). – A news blackout ordered by Egypt on the five-day joint military maneuvres with the U.S. signals Cairo's reluctance to get its feet wet in the Gulf, Western diplomats say.

About 9,000 U.S. troops and an equal number of Egyptians are taking part in the air, sea and ground exercises set to start yesterday as part of wargames codenamed "Brightstar 1987."

Invitations to attend the five-day exercises, held every two years, were issued to journalists and military attaches but later cancelled in a move diplomats said was political.

Cairo-based Western envoys believe that Egypt, a key U.S. ally and a backer of Iraq in the Gulf war, is shunning publicity because the maneuvers coincide with a buildup of western forces in the Gulf region to protect shipping.

An informed source here has said the U.S. aircraft carrier Saratoga and four naval units serving with the U.S. Sixth Fleet entered Alexandria earlier this week to participate in the joint maneuvers.

70% of kibbutzniks serve in combat units

Jerusalem Post Staff

Seventy per cent of kibbutzniks in the IDF serve in combat units, the highest percentage in any social sector.

This was stated by the head of the army's manpower branch, Aluf Matan Vilnai, in a special issue of the IDF magazine *Bamahaneh*, on the occasion of this year's induction drive.

Other survey findings show that soldiers doing compulsory service are fatter than 10 years ago, wear a bigger shoe size, and the hip size of women soldiers has expanded.

Yona Bogale, leader of Ethiopian Jews

PETAH TIKVA (Itim). – Yona Bogale, a leader of Ethiopian Jewry for the past 40 years, died at his home here on Friday aged 79.

Born in the Gondar province o Ethiopia, he was among a sma group of young Ethiopians who wer brought here to study in the earl 1920s by the renowned scholar, D Jacques Faitlovitch. After comple ing his schooling in Jerusalen Bogale went to yeshiva in German and then graduated from Heidelbe University.

He was proficient in nine languages, and on his return to Ethiopia he was appointed official interpreter at the Ministry of Education in Addis Ababa. He left government service to devote himself to the Ethiopian Jewish community.

In 1979, he settled in Israel. He leaves a wife, six sons and two daughters, all in Israel.

The funeral cortege will leave his home in Petah Tikva for Jerusalem, where he will be buried at the Givat Shaul cemetery at 1 p.m. today.

Shamir leaves for Romania tomorrow

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Prime Minister Shamir flies to Bucharest tomorrow at the start of a three-day official visit to Romania.

He will meet a number of times with President Nicolae Ceausescu and Premier Dascaluscu. Bilateral relations, focusing on the economic field, are to be discussed, as is the Middle East peace process.

Speaking on Israel Radio yesterday, Shamir said that there are "no differences" between the two countries on Jewish emigration from Romania to Israel. This approach was also "the basis" of both countries' attitude to Jewish emigration from other countries, including the Soviet Union.

Shamir implied that Romania has traditionally been ready to assist with the passage of Jews from the Soviet Union to Israel and that the subject will be discussed during his visit.

Shamir will also meet with Romania's chief rabbi, Moshe Rosen, and visit Bucharest's main synagogue.

Woman, 60, drowns while at Dead Sea

A 60-year-old woman drowned while swimming in the Dead Sea yesterday.

The woman, from Rishon Lezion, had gone to the Dead Sea for the weekend with her family.

A member of the family noticed the woman struggling in the water and called for help. The woman was taken out, but attempts to revive her failed. (Itim)

Mark Segal, Post political correspondent

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Mark Segal, the senior political correspondent and columnist of *The Jerusalem Post*, died yesterday. He was 59.

Mr. Segal, who suffered from heart disease and underwent successful by-pass surgery last year, was found dead in his flat in Tel Aviv after an apparent fall.

Though he was ailing, his sudden death yesterday shocked his many friends among Israel's journalists and the political community.

Mark Segal joined *The Jerusalem Post* editorial staff in 1957 and quickly established himself in the field of political reporting. Before entering journalism, he studied at the Hebrew University, concentrating on the social sciences. During his stint at the university he worked in *The Jerusalem Post* advertising department.

He was born in Manchester, where he was active in Habonim, and came to Israel in 1948, serving in the army. He was a member of Kibbutz Kfar Hanassi, which he later left in order to complete his university studies. He leaves a sister, who lives in England.

The funeral arrangements are expected to be announced today.

FESTIVAL. – The Mediterranean Festival – with performances and exhibits on Mediteranean themes – opened in Ashdod last night and will continue for three days.

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By Joseph Harvard

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at the Mount of Olives Cemetery.
We shall meet at the cemetery gate.

The Family

Over 220 workers injured in clashes

Violence grows as S. African mine strike enters sixth day

JOHANNESBURG (Reuter). – Security guards fired rubber bullets at rock-throwing black miners, injuring six, and seized quantities of home-made weapons yesterday at one of dozens of strike-bound South African mines, a company spokesman said.

Witnesses said that after the clash at Matla colliery east of Johannesburg groups of strikers chanted "Viva ANC," referring to the outlawed African National Congress guerrilla movement fighting to end white domination in South Africa.

More than 220 miners have been injured in six days since about 300,000 gold and coal miners stopped work last Sunday in the country's biggest industrial showdown with white-run companies.

A spokesman for the Trans Natal Coal Corporation which owns Matla said the fighting broke out when security guards investigated reports that strikers had stockpiled weapons at a miners' hostel.

Strikers armed with rocks and metal bolts met the guards, who dispersed the crowd by firing rubber bullets, the spokesman said.

More than 100 workers were injured Friday in the worst violence since the strike was launched by the National Union of Mineworkers (NUM), the country's biggest union.

Num spokesman Marcel Golding said yesterday six people were arrested Friday after one of the clashes, in which 76 were injured, at the Western Deep mine in the gold belt west of here. It was the worst incident of the increasingly violent strike.

The Anglo-American Mining Conglomerate said the shooting started after more than 700 strikers armed with machetes and petrol bombs gathered at the mine before dawn.

"Repeated attempts were made to disperse the crowd. The group then advanced on the security forces, throwing stones, and was dispersed by the firing of rubber bullets," a mine statement said.

Four of the injured were in serious condition, Peter Gush, chairman of Anglo's gold and uranium division, told reporters.

The NUM, whose strike has badly hit production of gold and coal, accused the authorities of using strongarm tactics and suggested it might adopt a tougher strategy when its 300-strong central committee meets over the weekend.

The strike is over wages and conditions, but it has huge political overtones and a potentially serious impact on an economy which earns more than half its export income from the gold and coal industries hit by the stoppage.

The government has not intervened beyond employing police when called for by mining companies.

In another unrelated labour dispute, officials of the Post and Telecommunications Workers Association said Friday that at least 466 strikers had been detained since thousands of postal workers went on strike on June 22.

"The action of management in collaboration with South African police sparked the violence we have seen so far. We regard this as suppression of democracy," union president Vusi Khumalo told a press conference.

A Sahir Shah tribesman is put to death by stoning in northwest Pakistan. He was executed last week for allegedly planting a bomb which killed a child. (AFP photo)

Ethiopia hit by drought, locusts, seeks food aid

ADDIS ABABA (Reuter). – Ethiopia appealed to the world on Friday to speed up food relief to deal with a drought which has struck 10 of the country's 14 provinces.

Berhanu Jembere, head of the government's relief and Rehabilitation Commission (RRC), told a meeting of ambassadors and aid agency representatives that "quick and effective action to avert a possible human tragedy" was needed.

"We must not and cannot wait for television to show again horrifying pictures of hunger and death."

Berhanu said the rainfall in July in many parts of the country was as low and in some places even lower than in 1984 and 1985, when hundreds of thousands of Ethiopian peasants died of starvation. July is usually the rainiest month.

"There was not a single day's rain in June in several parts of (the northern provinces of) Wollo, Tigrai and Eritrea, while in (the southern and eastern provinces of) Hararghe, Gamo Gofa and Sidamo it was exceptionally low," he added.

On top of the drought, the worst plague of locusts in three decades devastated crops in Eritrea and Tigrai, Berhanu said.

The locusts are now moving south through northwestern Wollo and have reached the borders of the central Shoa region, covering a vast area of cropland, he added.

Labour's Lange wins second term in New Zealand poll

WELLINGTON. – New Zealanders yesterday gave Prime Minister David Lange an overwhelming mandate to continue his economic reforms and anti-nuclear policy for three more years.

Lange is the first Labour Party leader to win two consecutive terms since World War II. He described yesterday's election outcome as "enormously fulfilling."

Opposition National Party leader Jim Bolger formally conceded defeat within three hours after the polls had closed.

The 45-year-old premier, whose anti-nuclear fervour has brought him into sharp conflict with the Western powers, fought the election campaign primarily on Labour's equally controversial economic policies.

He said that the financial sacrifices of the last three years were about to lead to fruition. New Zealand had moved "beyond the sort of society that needs to have its hip pocket massaged every three years."

Lange made no reference in his brief victory speech to the strong anti-nuclear stance his government has taken in the international affairs, as a result of which the U.S. excluded New Zealand from the Anzus defence alliance (which also includes Australia).

In his victory speech to cheering, flag-waving supporters, Lange pledged that the Labour government would use the next three years to make gains in education and social welfare, and said his priority would be to cut unemployment, now running at a record 6.2 per cent.

Inflation also soared to a record 18.9 per cent during Lange's three-year administration and interest rates reached 21.5 per cent.

Despite a pre-election anti-Labour swing of over 2 per cent, the government retained its 15-seat parliamentary majority with 56 sets to the opposition National Party's 41. (AP, AFP)

Soviets admit gas leak from N-blast, but no fallout danger

MOSCOW (AP). – The Soviet Union revealed yesterday that gas inadvertently leaked during an underground nuclear test this month but said there was no radioactive fallout.

The announcement followed a report from Norwegian officials four days ago of a small increase in the level of radioactive iodine over Norway, Sweden and Denmark. Officials of Norway's national radiation control authority said the increase may have resulted from a Soviet nuclear test, but was in such small quantities that it did not present a health hazard.

The official news agency Tass, in a vaguely worded announcement, said an inquiry into the gas leak was launched because of "incoming requests" and "claims circulated by the Western mass media, with the Americans being especially zealous in the effort."

It said the leak occurred during a nuclear test for military purposes on August 2 on Novaya Zemlya island, about 1,900 km north-east of Moscow. A comprehensive check showed that after the explosion a leak occurred "of an insignificant amount of gaseous products that did not result in any radioactive fallout," Tass said, adding that nowhere were people "subjected to any danger of radiation effects."

The Soviet Union has conducted 15 underground nuclear tests since February 28, when Kremlin leader Mikhail Gorbachev ended a unilateral ban on such tests that he began in mid-1985 following repeated appeals to the U.S. to join in the ban. The U.S. refused, saying it needed to catch up with advances in Soviet technology.

The Tass report repeated a call for "a general and complete prohibition of nuclear weapon tests" and added, "It depends first of all on the U.S. whether nuclear blasts will continue or not."

FOREIGN BRIEFS

Six of UK septuplets survive

LIVERPOOL (AP). – A woman gave birth to seven babies yesterday, setting a new British record for multiple births, a spokesman at Liverpool Maternity Hospital said.

The hospital said one boy died within a half-hour of birth and that two boys and four girls were in intensive care.

The babies were born by Caesarian section. BBC television said the babies were four months premature.

The parents, as yet unidentified, live in northwest England and the mother had been taking a fertility drug, according to Press Association, the British domestic news agency.

India, China pull back troops along border

AGARTALA, India (Reuter). – India and China have begun pulling back troops from the Himalayan border region, Indian army intelligence officials said.

India had undertaken "partial demobilization" of its forces in its far north-eastern state of Arunachal Pradesh, where it says Chinese troops have made repeated incursions across the border, the officials said Thursday.

They said the withdrawals had been made in the disputed Sumdorong Chu valley, where China last year constructed a helicopter pad in a sector claimed by India.

Pilot who flew near Reagan loses licence

SANTA BARBARA, California (AP). – The Federal Aviation Administration on Friday revoked the licence of the pilot who flew a small airplane dangerously close to President Ronald Reagan's helicopter, the White House said.

The licence of Ralph W. Meyers of Lake Oswego, Oregon, was revoked for "careless and reckless operation of an aircraft" and for violating the restricted air space over Reagan's ranch in the Santa Ynez mountains, Presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said.

ETA members die in car explosion

SAN SEBASTIAN, Spain (AFP). – Two members of the Basque separatist organization ETA were killed here yesterday when a bomb they were planning to use in an attack exploded in their car, police quoted by Spanish television said.

The man and woman died after the vehicle exploded in the centre of this city in the Spanish Basque country. Police said the car had fake licence plates.

Ehrlichman asks Reagan for Watergate pardon

WASHINGTON (Reuter). – Former White House aide John Ehrlichman has asked President Ronald Reagan to pardon his conviction for conspiring to cover up the Watergate scandal under the Nixon administration, the U.S. Justice Department said Friday.

It said Ehrlichman, formerly a lawyer and now an author, also requested a pardon for his separate perjury and conspiracy conviction stemming from the 1971 break-in by the White House "plumbers" unit at the office of peace activist Daniel Ellsberg's psychiatrist.

Richard Nixon himself was granted a full pardon by then-president Gerald Ford for any involvement in the Watergate affair, which led to Nixon's resignation in 1974 although he was not accused of any offences.

Record drug seizure in Brussels

BRUSSELS (Reuter). – Belgian police discovered 115 kg. (253 pounds) of cocaine in the freight depot at Brussels international airport Friday, in the largest haul of the drug ever made in Europe, the Belgian news agency Belga said yesterday.

It quoted sources at the Brussels investigating magistrate's office as saying two unidentified people had been arrested in connection with the seizure.

Fire kills 2 in Nile floating hotel

CAIRO (Reuter). – Two people died and a man and his baby girl were reported missing when fire engulfed a floating hotel on the Nile river in Cairo yesterday, police said.

Lt. Col. Mohammed Amin of the river police unit told reporters the blaze started in the hotel's souvenir shop when an overheated ventilator caught fire in the early morning.

Ten people in the hotel at the time were rescued, he added. The two victims had not yet been identified.

Wild elephants devastate village

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP). – A herd of about 20 wild elephants rampaged through a village in northwest Indonesia, causing widespread damage to fruit trees but no casualties, the official Antara news agency said yesterday.

Mayor Ibrahim Daud told the news agency the elephants stormed into his village of Lambaro Tunong on Thursday from a nearby forest and uprooted or damaged more than 1,000 papaya, banana and coconut trees.

Stroessner celebrates 33rd anniversary in power

ASUNCION (Reuter). – General Alfredo Stroessner, 74, celebrated his 33rd anniversary as President of Paraguay yesterday. He took office for the first time on August 15, 1954, after leading a military coup against President Federico Chaves.

He has been elected president in subsequent elections in which he was the only candidate.

Bomb kills 2 as Pakistan marks 40th independence day

ISLAMABAD (Reuter). – Bomb blasts shook the frontier city of Peshawar on Friday killing at least two people as Pakistan marked its 40th anniversary.

Authorities had toned down independence day celebrations in the city, capital of North West Frontier province, out of respect for victims of bombs on Tuesday.

The official AAP news agency said a bomb exploded in Peshawar's busy old quarter killing two people and injuring 13. Two of the wounded were in a critical condition.

Another blast damaged a power station and blacked out part of the city.

The blasts were the latest in a wave of mystery bomb attacks which have killed almost 100 people in the past few weeks.

In his independence day message President Mohammad Zia ul-Haq expressed sympathy for the victims while opposition leader Benazir Bhutto said there was little to celebrate.

Thirteen people were killed on Tuesday and some 45 injured by three bombs which exploded within half an hour of each other in Madran near Peshawar.

Peshawar authorities cancelled all displays of coloured lights on public buildings out of respect for the victims.

The attacks are widely believed to be linked to Pakistani support for Moslem rebels fighting the Soviet-backed government of neighbouring Afghanistan.

Second Tamil rebel group surrenders weapons in pact

COLOMBO (AFP). – A Tamil rebel group, the Eelam Revolutionary Organization of Students (Eros), made its first arms surrender yesterday in eastern Sri Lanka in line with a peace pact to end the separatist struggle, an Indian military spokesman said.

The surrender took place at the coastal town of Batticaloa in the presence of the commander of India's 6,000-strong peace-keeping force on the island, Major-General Harkirat Singh, the spokesman said by telephone from Batticaloa.

Eros, an ally of the main guerrilla group the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (Ltte), handed over 61 machineguns, rifles and rocket launchers, 55 hand grenades and 75 kilos of gelignite as well as a large amount of ammunition, an Indian High Commission official said.

A top Eros leader known by his nom de guerre Shangar turned over the arms.

The Ltte made the first surrender of arms under the Indo-Sri Lankan peace pact on the northern Jaffna peninsula on August 5, but military experts have said most of its arms have still not been handed over.

Star of David etched secretly on U.S. stamp

WASHINGTON (AP). – A government engraver secretly etched a small Star of David onto the die of a $1 U.S. stamp bearing the face of a Hebrew educator, postal officials said.

Officials of the U.S. Bureau of Printing and Engraving said the mark was added by Kenneth Kipperman, an engraver who was arrested June 17 and charged with threatening to blow up the site of the planned U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum.

The bureau discovered the six-pointed star etched on the stamp in the beard of educator Bernard Revel, founder of Yeshiva University in New York, after receiving an anonymous telephone tip earlier this month.

The tiny star is not visible on the stamp, but is clearly visible on the die.

Millions of the Revel stamp have been printed, and officials say the service has no plans to re-engrave the stamp to eliminate the star, postal service officials said Friday.

Kipperman, 40, has returned to work at the Bureau of Printing and Engraving, but has been assigned administrative duties away from the guarded area where stamps and currency are etched into metal, bureau officials said.

On June 17, Kipperman barricaded himself in a building he did not want demolished at the construction site of the museum.

He was taken for psychiatric evaluation and later released.

Scandal of Moscow dog-catchers

Rabies rare but cruelty rampant

By ANDREW WILSON

MOSCOW. – There are 33 dog-catching teams (and vans) in Moscow, compared with only two veterinary ambulances. Catchers receive about $3 for an adult dog, $2 for a puppy, $1 for a cat, and 50 cents for a kitten.

The monthly quota for a van and driver is 30 animals, which is easy to fill in a city where ownership of dogs, thanks to their vogue as a status symbol, has become as common as in any Western city.

Last year, Moscow's vans netted 32,000 allegedly "stray" animals – a catch said to have been necessitated by the threat of rabies. But though rabies is endemic, and spreading, in fox-infested Europe, in Moscow only one case appears to have been registered in 25 years.

The Moscow Road Maintenance Department organizes the catching of strays, and the city veterinary station exterminates them in gas chambers – that is to say, those not turned over for vivisection. The dog-catching station is supposed to keep pedigree dogs, hunting dogs and animals with collar tags for three days.

Owners must try to find their dogs in the space of one hour, between 9 and 10 in the morning, as soon as they are found missing.

After gassing, the dead animals are taken to a factory in the Moscow suburb of Lyubertsi, where their bones are ground to powder, reportedly for adding calcium to flour. Skins are sold for making fur hats and winter clothing.

The heartlessness and brutality of the catchers is notorious. The animals are packed so tightly into cages that, according to one witness, they are almost standing on top of one another – and may so remain for the night. Even if owners get to the station in time, they are sometimes not allowed near their dogs, because the animals are in such a pitiful state by morning.

Recently a group of children tried to smash the windows of a dog van when the catchers seized their two adopted stray dogs. One of the dogs was brutally beaten by the men, the other strangled by the wire hook used to lasso it. There are supposed to be rules, but the catchers seldom observe them.

Worst treated are the animals used for vivisection. The Russian Federation (the biggest republic, with half the Soviet population) has no controlling body to check experiments or prevent unnecessary suffering.

Everywhere animals are pinned down by primitive means, giving them additional torment, an observer told the newspaper *Moskovsky Komsomolyets*. (London Observer Service)

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Applications must reach the Karta office, 12 Reh. Agron, Jerusalem 94265 by September 30, 1987.

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Notice to Epirotiki Cruise Passengers

Due to the increase in fuel prices, Epirotiki Lines are compelled to make a fuel surcharge of US$5 per person, per day, applicable to all passengers who have not paid in full for cruise tickets, effective 15 days from the date of publication of this notice.

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During this period the offices concerned will be closed to the public.

At all other Bezeq units:
telephone repair service, information service "14", repairs service "16", international service "18" and all other corporation units, work will be conducted during this period as usual.

In cases of emergency (e.g. connection or disconnection of telephones, authorization of ownership transfer, etc.), one may apply in person or by phone to the various Bezeq branches. All branches will have a limited staff to deal with such requests.

All offices will be open to the public again on **Wednesday, September 2, 1987.**

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'One sided,' says Swiss historian

Austria circulates document 'clearing' Kurt Waldheim

VIENNA. – Austria has sent its embassies a document intended to rebut allegations that President Kurt Waldheim was involved in Nazi war crimes. But already a Swiss historian has voiced an opinion that the long-awaited material is one-sided.

The 500-page document, called simply the "White Book," was compiled by a foreign ministry task force that included Waldheim's son Gerhard.

The booklet maintains that several documents purporting to show Waldheim's involvement in war crimes "were mischaracterized in such a way as to mislead the public... Thereby, an obvious effort was made to put in question the moral integrity of Waldheim."

The document specifically supports Waldheim's rejection of allegations that he played a role in deporting Jews and others while serving in the German army in Greece and Yugoslavia between 1942 and 1945.

Journalists were given copies in manuscript form and Waldheim's office said it would go on sale next month.

"Since nothing has come to light which would credibly burden him, Dr. Waldheim's professional record and his unimpaired assertion of innocence, as well as the general rules of fairness, call for an end to this affair," the booklet says.

But a Swiss historian who heads an international commission looking into Waldheim's past said his panel might reach different conclusions.

Breaking the taboo

Kurt Waldheim has held his first meeting with a Western government leader since he was barred entry into the U.S. in April. He had dinner with West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl Thursday night at the president's summer residence in Nussdorf Am Attersee.

They were reported to have discussed bilateral relations and the international situation.

Pope John Paul received Waldheim at the Vatican in June.

The expert, Hans Rudolf Kurz, said on Austrian Radio that the book "was the work of the president and his point of view."

The commission, set up with Austrian funding, is due to begin work next month.

"Our commission cannot only see the one side" but must look at all sources, including those presented by Waldheim's accusers, Kurz added.

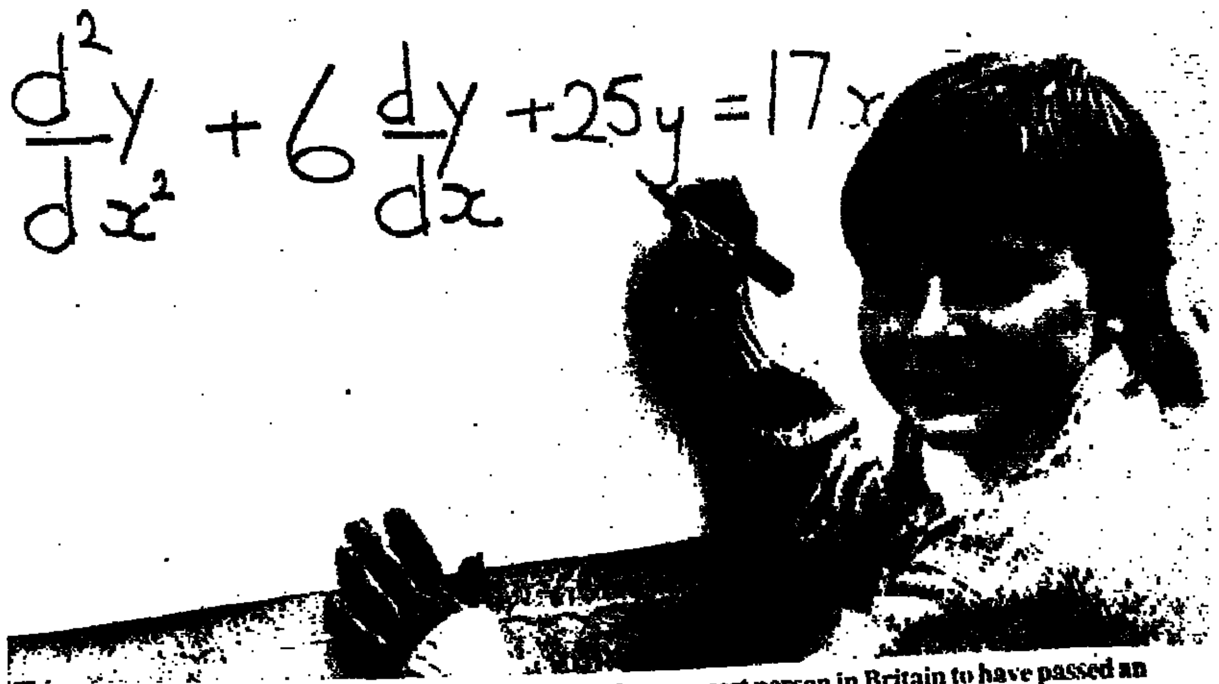
Kurz was appointed by the Austrian government in June to organize and head the international commission. He said it would hold its first meeting in Vienna at the end of September. The World Jewish Congress has dismissed the commission as an effort to whitewash Waldheim's past.

Two additional historians have now agreed to serve on the commission and its members will be West German historian Manfred Messerschmidt, Israeli historian Yehuda Wallach, Gerald Flemming of Britain and Gen. James Collins of the U.S.

A western diplomatic source also said he did not believe the new Austrian document differed greatly from Waldheim's previous statements on his war career.

The book says the allegations are part of a campaign to damage the moral standing of the former UN secretary-general. It includes a chronology of his military service and a collection of affidavits from colleagues, friends and neighbours who have given him support.

A preliminary review of the "White Book" shows it contains some of the same documents used by the World Jewish Congress to argue its case against Waldheim. (Reuter, AP)



MATHS WIZARD. – Nine-year-old John Adams, the youngest person in Britain to have passed an 'A-Level' (advanced) exam, poses with a question he had to answer in the pure maths paper. John completed the maths exam – normally taken by 17- or 18-year-old students before entering university – with time to spare. John will himself begin university studies next month. Asked what he wants to do when he grows up, he answered brightly, 'Play football for Everton.' (Reuter)

Elie Wiesel to meet the pope

By WALTER RUBY

NEW YORK. – Nobel Peace Prize laureate Elie Wiesel, who severely criticized Pope John Paul II for meeting Austrian President Kurt Waldheim, confirmed at the weekend that he will hold a private meeting with the pope at the Vatican later this month.

Wiesel's audience with the pope will take place before the pontiff receives a delegation of mainly American Jewish leaders under the auspices of the International Jewish Committee on Interreligious Consulations (IJCIC) on September 1.

Wiesel, who returned yesterday from Brazil, where he received an award from President Jose Sarney, told *The Jerusalem Post* that he received his invitation to meet the pope "well before the Jewish delegation was invited. I don't know how this came out in the press. I had wanted my meeting to be so private and confidential that no one would know about it.

"This will be a serious conversation between only the pope and myself to bring up all the subjects that are of interest to the Jews in a Christian world. I hope I will be able to convince him of certain things."

Wiesel refused to say whether he will press the pope to apologize for his meeting with Waldheim, but noted, "I was the sharpest critic of his meeting with Waldheim."

Wiesel said that he had been invited by the World Jewish Congress to represent that group in the IJCIC meeting with the pope on September 1, but said, "I haven't decided whether or not I will do that."

A spokesman for the WJC stated: 'We fully endorse having Elie Wiesel meet the pope whether he does so as representative of the WJC or if he goes on his own. He is the moral conscience of the Jewish people and the embodiment of the Jewish tragedy of the Holocaust."

However, Gunther Lawrence, spokesman for the Synagogue Council of America, one of the constituent groups of IJCIC, said he is concerned that a meeting between Wiesel and the pope in advance of the IJCIC meeting "might be partly counter-productive..."

Lawrence said that the Wiesel-John Paul meeting "might take the edge off" the September 1 meeting between the IJCIC and the pope. Lawrence noted that because Wiesel is not a Jewish organizational leader "no one briefed him" on plans for the IJCIC delegation.

According to one Jewish source, "Naturally, there is some unhappiness among certain Jewish organizational leaders that Wiesel is going to meet the pope before they do and grab away all the headlines."

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, international affairs director of the American Jewish Committee, and a longtime leader of the IJCIC, denied that he is annoyed Wiesel will see the pope before the IJCIC does. "Let Elie get all the attention he wants and needs. If he wants to steal our thunder that's O.K. too."

Tanenbaum stressed that the IJCIC meeting with the pope "is not going to be a 24-hour sensation. Our intention is to try to set up a permanent structure of communication with key secretariats in the Vatican. That will prevent surprises like (the pope's meetings with) Waldheim and Arafat and will help us move on to a very serious process of communication about (Vatican) recognition of Israel, Soviet Jewry and other fundamental Jewish causes."

Asked if the Wiesel-Pope meeting would not take press attention away from the IJCIC meeting, Tanenbaum remarked, "I couldn't care less. One of the best things that could happen is if there were to be no press coverage and no photographs of our meeting at all. If there were no publicity, it would relieve us of the problem we now have of every president of Jewish life wanting to join the delegation..."

Tanenbaum said he hopes Wiesel will sit down with the IJCIC group before going to meet the pope "to make sure we are not at cross purposes."

WJC general secretary Israel Singer castigated as "a low and cheap shot" Tanenbaum's inference that Wiesel is seeking publicity, stating, "Eli Wiesel represents the victims and is the only man who can protect Jewish dignity in this situation. He is the only one who can say to the pope, 'While your church was silent, I was in Buchenwald'."

Bishop William Keeler of Harrisburg, Pa, chairman of the Bishops' Conference for Ecumenical and Interreligious Affairs of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, hailed the prospective Wiesel meeting with the pope as "a positive development."

Asked if the Vatican had invited Wiesel because it was felt that Wiesel has a higher moral stature than other Jewish leaders, Keeler responded, "I can't make any comparisons, but there is no question of Mr. Wiesel's stature in the eyes of the world as one who is a voice of conscience and compassion at the same time."

Papal letter received in Jerusalem

Jerusalem Post Staff

A letter reiterating Pope John Paul II's "love and respect for the Jewish people and the victims of the Holocaust," and his "strong condemnation of Nazism" has been received by the rector of the Hebrew University.

The letter was in response to a telegram sent by a group of researchers, teachers and students at the Hebrew University to the pope in June, protesting against his meeting with Austrian President Kurt Waldheim in the Vatican.

Msgr. G.B. Re, replying for the Vatican Secretariat of State, said that the message had been "carefully noted" by the pope, who had directed him to respond with a message of support for the Jewish people and a repudiation of Nazism.

ROYAL LEATHER. – Shoemaker Andrew Gadd puts the finishing touches to a pair of shoes for Britain's Prince Charles. The shoes, made of 200-year-old Russian reindeer leather recovered from a Danish ship which went down at the end of the 18th century, cost £1,250. Only 10 pairs of the exclusive shoes are being made. Each takes some 25 hours of labour to complete. (Reuter)

WEIGHTY READ. – Jean Brooks looks over her 115 kilos of books she won in a British Airport Authorities "Win Your Weight in Books" contest. The Airport Authorities got more than they bargained for when Brooks showed up to claim her prize. She filled out her winning entry form while on her way to a holiday in Turkey and won more than 700 paperbacks. (Reuter)

Ex-NSC adviser says Congress shunned his Irangate testimony

By JOAN MOWER

WASHINGTON (AP). – Michael Ledeen, a key figure in launching the sale of U.S.-made weapons to Iran, says Congress shunned his offer to testify publicly because lawmakers were reluctant to tackle complicated policy issues, some of which involve Israel.

"They really didn't want to open up all these other questions," Ledeen said in an interview shortly after the congressional committees concluded three months of public testimony earlier this month.

Ledeen, 46, a former consultant to the National Security Council (NSC), said he had hoped to testify in public before the congressional Iran-Contra committees. If he had, he said he would have:

Denied insinuations that he benefited financially from the weapons sales;

Explained how he followed orders from his superiors in his 1985 contacts with Israeli officials. Those contacts led to the first shipment of U.S.-made Tow missiles from Israeli stockpiles to Iran in August 1985;

Elaborated on why he thinks the programme turned into a debacle, resulting in the lack of any coherent U.S. policy on Iran.

Spokesmen for the Iran-Contra committees said the panels skipped Ledeen's public testimony because they did not think he could add new information.

Ledeen, who has close relations with top Israeli officials, described as "silly" the reports that some lawmakers did not want to pursue the role the Israelis played for fear of offending Jewish groups with influence on Capitol Hill.

Even though Israel had its own reasons for making contacts in Iran, Jerusalem had "no leverage" over the U.S. and could not force Washington into doing something it didn't want to do, Ledeen said.

It was Ledeen's meeting in May 1985 with then-Israeli prime minister Shimon Peres that helped kick off the early weapons shipments.

TODAY'S ENTERTAINMENT

TELEVISION

EDUCATIONAL TV

9.00 Teletext **9.05** Keep Fit **9.15** Pretty Butterfly **9.40** The Heart **10.05** Barriers (part 6) **10.30** Colour in the Creek (part 7, repeat) **10.55** Contact 1,2,3 **11.25** Mississippi (part 1) **14.00** Teletext **14.05** The Day the Universe Changed (part 6) **15.00** Surprise Train **15.20** Mrs. Pepperpot – Road Safety **15.40** Teletext – 200 seconds on Aids **15.45** Keep Fit **15.55** Rehov Sumsum **16.25** Small Wonder (part 12) **17.00** A New Evening – live magazine

ISRAEL TV

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMMES

17.30 Fame

ARABIC LANGUAGE PROGRAMMES

18.30 News roundup **18.32** What's the Answer? **18.45** Inventions and Innovations **19.00** Weekly News Magazine

HEBREW PROGRAMMES resume at
20.00 with a news roundup
20.02 Tili Pop – pop and entertainment magazine
21.00 Mabat Newsreel
21.35 Programme Trailer
21.50 Dynasty – American serial
22.40 Quotation Mark on the Cinema: The Last American Hero
23.20 The Twilight Zone – series of short films
23.40 News

ISRAEL TV CHANNEL 2

19.00 Entertainment at the Dolphinarium **19.30** Entertainment 2 **20.00** Second Look **21.00** Pop 2

JORDAN TV (unofficial)

17.30 Cartoons **18.00** French Hour **19.30** News in Hebrew **20.00** News in Arabic **20.30** Growing Pains **21.10** Documentary **22.00** News in English **22.20** Hunter **23.10** The Ropers

MIDDLE EAST TV

13.30 Another Life **14.00** 700 Club **14.30** Good News **15.00** Arabic Movie **16.30** Treasure Island **17.00** Flying House **17.30** Fraggle Rock **18.00** The Waltons **19.00** Sixty Minutes **20.00** Monte Carlo (part 1) **21.00** Movie: Play Misty for Me **22.30** Good News

RADIO

VOICE OF MUSIC

6.01 Morning Melodies **7.09** Pleyel: Symphony No. 6; Mendelssohn: Piano Concerto No. 2; Clara Schumann: Piano Trio Op. 17; Faure: Masques et Bergamasques **9.00** Prokofiev: Sinfonia Concertante for Cello and Orchestra (Navarra, Czech Phil./Ancerl); Dvorak: Piano trio Op. 65 (Suk); Schubert: Fantasia for duo pianists in F minor; Danzi: Sonata for Horn and Piano (Tuckwell, Ashkenazy); Mozart: Aria from Andromeda, Symphony No. 41 "Jupiter" (Dresden/Davis) **12.00** Yair Klesa, violin, Nadia Reisenberg, piano – Beethoven: Sonata No. 7 Op. 30 No. 2; Franck: Sonata Op. 8 **13.00** Works by J. C. Bach, Cimarosa, Boccherini, Brahms, Wieniawsky, Bizet, Poulenc, Tchaikovsky **15.00** Contemporary Music **16.00** Haydn: Salve Regina in G minor **18.00** Piano music – Bach: Italian concerto in F major; Schubert: Fantasia in C major "Wanderer" (Perahia); Chopin: Polonaise Op. 61 (Horowitz); Prokofiev: Sonata No. 3 (Davidovich) **19.00** Light Classical Music **20.05** Musical Medley **20.30** Israel Sinfonietta under Laszlo Haltal with Oscar Giglia, guitar – Villa Lobos: 5 Preludes for Solo guitar; Giuliani: Guitar Concerto; Poulenc: Sinfonietta; Faure: Pavanne Op. 50 **23.00** C.P.E. Bach: Sonatas; J. S. Bach: Partitas

RADIO 1st

6.03 Programmes for Olim **7.30** Programme in Easy Hebrew **8.05** Compass **9.05** Information for Listeners **10.05** Hebrew songs and dances **11.05** Morning Pearls **12.05** Mid-East Medley **13.00** News in English **13.30** News in French **14.05** Children's programmes **15.00** Songs for the Afternoon **15.30** Everyman's University **16.05** Youth Magazine **17.10** Folksongs **18.05** Jewish Traditions **19.05** The *Mishna* Portion for today **19.20** Bible Reading **19.30** Programmes for Olim **22.05** First Person (repeat) **23.05** Hebrew songs

RADIO 2nd

6.04 Editorial Review **6.10** Gymnastics **6.30** News roundup **6.52** Green Light – drivers' corner **7.00** This Morning – news magazine **8.05** Children's programme **9.05** Morning Star – Little Tony **10.05** All Shades of the Network **12.10** O.K. on Two **13.00** Midday – news commentary, music **14.05** Humour **15.05** Magic Moments **16.05** Made in Israel – Hebrew songs **17.05** Economics Magazine **18.06** Press Conference – chaired by Yitzhak Golan **19.05** Today – radio newsreel **19.35** The Jewish People **20.05** Sephardi songs **22.05** Between Ourselves **00.15** Songs for the End of the Day

ARMY

6.05 University on the Air **6.30** Open Your Eyes – songs, information **7.07** "707" **8.00** Good Morning Israel **9.05** Open House **11.05** Right Now **13.05** Hebrew Hits **14.05** Beach Report **16.05** Four in the Afternoon **17.00** Evening Newsreel **18.05** Economics Magazine **19.05** Sports Magazine **20.05** The Making of a State (repeat) **21.00** Mabat – TV newsreel **21.30** University on the Air (repeat) **22.05** Popular songs **23.05** The 24th Hour **00.05** Night Birds – songs, chat

ARMY TWO

19.05 Radio Radio **20.05** Information, regards and radio games **22.05** The Magical Mystery Tour (repeat) **23.05** All That Jazz

DAILY ENGLISH BROADCASTS
ISRAEL RADIO
on 576 and 1440 kilohertz (AM)
7.00-7.15 News, 13.00-13.30 News followed by:
SUNDAY – "This Land" travel magazine
MONDAY – "Mainstream" consumer and community affairs
TUESDAY – "Israel Mosaic" weekly magazine
WEDNESDAY – "With me in the studio" guest interview
THURSDAY – "Studio Three" arts magazine
FRIDAY – "Thank Goodness It's Friday" Sabbath eve programme
SATURDAY – "Spotlight" people and issues in the news
17.00-17.05 News, 20.00-20.15 News

CINEMA PERFORMANCES

JERUSALEM

Beit Agron: Lassie Come Home 4:15; The Gods Must Be Crazy 6; Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom 8; Supergrass 10:15; The Cotton Club 12 midnight; **Eden:** Superman IV, 4:30, 7:30, 9:30; **Edison:** The Living Daylights 7, 9:30; Hansel and Gretel 10:30, 12:30, 4:30; **Habira Cinema Empire:** closed due to renovations; **Israel Museum:** Hasamba and the Horse Thieves 10:30, 3:30; **Jerusalem Theatre:** Decline of the American Empire 6:45, 9:15; **Kfir:** Radio Days 4:30, 7:30, 9:30; Superman IV, 10:30, 12:30; **Mitchell:** Don't Give a Damn 7:30, 9:30; **Orgil:** Angel Heart 7:30, 9:45; Snow White 10:30 a.m., 12:30, 5; **Orion Or 1:** Photo Roman 4:30, 7:15, 9:15; Operation Shtreimel 10:30 a.m.; **Orion Or 2:** Clockwise 4:30, 7:15, 9:15; Death Game 10:30 a.m.; **Orion Or 3:** Take It Easy 4:30, 7:15, 9:15; Cinderella and the Blue Dog 10:30 a.m.; 9½ Weeks 11:30 p.m.; **Orion Or 4:** Batito the Unemployed 10:30, 4:30, 7:15, 9:15; Body Heat 11:30 p.m.; **Orion Or 5:** Gentle Persuasion 4:30, 7:15, 9:15; Raiders of the Lost Ark 10:30 a.m.; Moscow Doesn't Believe in Tears 11:30 p.m.; **Orna:** King Kong II 4:30, 7:15, 9:15; **Ron:** Late Summer Blues 7:30, 9:30; The Nutcracker 10:45, 4:30; **Semadar:** Children of a Lesser God 7, 9:20.

TEL AVIV

Beit Liessin: Talking Heads, Stop Making Sense 7:30, 9:30, 11:15; **Ben Yehuda:** E.T. 5, 7:30; 9:30; **Beth Hatefutsoth:** Forbidden 7; **Chen 1:** Outrageous Fortune 3:30, 5:40, 7:50, 9:55; Snow White 10:45 a.m.; **Chen 2:** Angel Heart 5:35, 7:45, 9:50; Bambi 10:45, 12:45, 4; **Chen 3:** Stand By Me 5:30, 7:50, 9:55; Care Bears II, 10:45, 12:45, 4; **Chen 4:** Police Academy IV, 3:55, 5:40; Little Shop of Horrors 7:40, 9:50; Robin Hood 10:45 a.m., 12:45; **Chen 5:** Lethal Weapon 5:40, 7:50, 9:55; The Great Mouse Detective 10:45, 12:45, 4; **Cinema One:** Aladdin 5, 7:30, 9:40; **Cinema Two:** Young Love 5, 7:30, 9:40; **Dekel:** Crocodile Dundee 7:30, 9:35; Sound of Music 4:30; **Dizengoff 1:** Les Fugitifs 11, 1, 5, 7:30, 9:50; **Dizengoff 2:** Personal Services 11, 1, 5, 7:30, 9:50; **Dizengoff 3:** Decline of the American Empire 7:30, 9:50; An American Tail 11, 1, 3, 5; **Drive-In:** Aladdin 7:45; sex film 12:15 midnight; **Esther:** King Kong II, 5, 7:30, 9:45; **Gat:** Late Summer Blues 5, 7:30, 9:45; **New Gordon:** Kangaroo 5, 7:45, 9:45; **Hakolnoa ZOA House:** Snail 5, 7:45, 9:45; **Hod:** Superman IV, 10:30, 12:30, 5, 7:30, 9:30; **Israel Cinematheque:** Love of Life 7:15; American Werewolf in London 9:30; **Lev 1:** Twist Again in Moscow 11:30, 2, 5, 8, 10; **Lev 2:** Down By Law 11:30, 2, 5, 8, 10; **Lev 3:** Levy et Goliath 11:30, 2; Radio Days 5, 8, 10; **Lev 4:** Clockwise 5, 8, 10; Oh God, You Devil 11:30 a.m., 2; **Limor Hamehudash:** Navigator 11, 4; Photo Roman 5:30, 7:30, 9:30; 9½ Weeks 12 midnight (exc. Thur.); **Maxim:** Batito the Unemployed 5, 7:30, 9:30; **Orly:** Children of a Lesser God 7, 9:30; Hansel and Gretel 5; **Paris:** Labyrinth 12, 2, 4, 7:15, 9:30; Monty Python and the Holy Grail 11:30 p.m.; **Peer:** Don't Give a Damn 5, 8, 10; **Shahaf:** Secret of My Success 5, 7:45, 9:40; Hansel and Gretel 11 a.m.; **Sivan:** Something Wild 5, 7:30, 9:40; **Tamuz:** Betty Blue 7:15, 9:40; **Tchelet:** The Shop Around the Corner

5:30, 7:40, 9:50; **Tel Aviv:** The Living Daylights 4:30, 7:15, 9:45; Aladdin 11, 1; **Tel Aviv Museum:** Death of a Salesman 4:30, 7, 9:30; **Tel Aviv Museum – Open Air Cinema:** Home of the Brave 9 p.m.; **Zafon:** The Name of the Rose 4:30, 7, 9:45.

HAIFA

Amphitheatre: The Living Daylights 4:30, 7, 9:15; **Atzmon 1:** Superman IV, 4:30, 7, 9:15; **Atzmon 2:** Batito the Unemployed 4:30, 7, 9:15; **Atzmon 3:** Children of a Lesser God 4:15, 6:45, 9:10; **Chen Hamehudash:** Labyrinth 4:30, 7, 9:15; **Keren Or Hamehudash:** Don't Give a Damn 4:30, 7:15, 9:15; **Orah:** Photo Roman 7, 9:15; Navigator 4:30; **Orly:** Radio Days 7, 9:15; Care Bears II, 11, 4:30; **Peer:** King Kong II 4:30, 7, 9:15; **Rav-Gat 1:** Late Summer Blues 7, 9:15; Snow White 11, 4:30; **Rav-Gat 2:** Outrageous Fortune 7, 9:15; **Ron:** Secret of my Success 4:30, 7, 9; Hansel and Gretel 10:30, 12:30; **Shavit:** Don't Give a Damn 7, 9; Over the Top 5.

RAMAT GAN

Armon: Outrageous Fortune 7:30, 9:45; Labyrinth 5; **Lily:** Don't Give a Damn 5, 7:30, 9:30; **Oasis:** King Kong II 5, 7:30, 9:40; **Ordea:** Superman IV 11, 4:30, 7:15, 9:30; **Rav-Gan 1:** Late Summer Blues 7:30, 9:40; The Great Mouse Detective 10:30, 12:20, 5; **Rav-Gan 2:** Radio Days 7:30, 9:45; Care Bears II 10:30, 12:20, 5; **Rav-Gan 3:** Stand By Me 7:30, 9:45; Robin Hood 10:30, 12:20, 5; **Rav-Gan 4:** Crocodile Dundee 7:30, 9:45; Snow White 10:30, 12:20, 5.

HERZLIYA

Dan Accadia: Police Academy IV, 5; Children of a Lesser God 7; **Daniel Hotel:** Radio Days 7:15, 9:30 (exc. Wed.); **David:** Photo Roman 7:45, 9:45; Superman IV, 11, 4, 5:45; **Hechal:** The Living Daylights 7, 9:30; Aladdin 11, 4:30; **New Tiferet:** Little Shop of Horrors 5, 7:30, 9:30.

HOLON

Armon Hamehudash: Don't Give a Damn 7:30, 9:30; **Migdal:** Twist Again in Moscow 7:15, 9:30; The Great Mouse Detective 5; **Savoy:** The Living Daylights 7:15, 9:40; Hansel and Gretel 10:30, 12:30, 5.

BAT YAM

Atzmaut: Superman IV 11, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30.

GIVATAYIM

Hadar: Secret of My Success 7:15, 9:30; Hansel and Gretel 11, 5.

RAMAT HASHARON

Kochav: Live and Let Live 7; Tenue de Soiree 9:30 p.m.; 20,000 Leagues Under the Sea 11, 4:45.

PETAH TIKVA

G.G. Hechal 1: Secret of My Success 5, 7:30, 9:30; **G.G. Hechal 2:** The Living Daylights 7:15, 9:30; Hansel and Gretel 10:30, 12:30, 5; **G.G. Hechal 3:** Something Wild 9:30 p.m.; Superman IV, 10:30, 12:30, 5, 7:30.

RISHON LEZION

G.G. Ron 1: The Morning After 9:30 p.m.; Superman IV, 11, 7:30; **G.G. Ron 2:** The Living Daylights 7:15, 9:30; Hansel and Gretel 11, 5.

KFAR SAVA

Beit Beri Cinema-Theatre: Betty Blue 10:15 p.m. (exc. Tue.)

WHAT'S ON

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JERUSALEM

Museums

ISRAEL MUSEUM. Exhibitions: Clegg & Guttman, Works 1986 ◊ Painting in the Mediterranean Light. French 19th and 20th century artists ◊ Edomite Shrine ◊ 3,500 Years of Chinese Art ◊ Wondrous India. ◊ Mexican Textiles: Line and Colour ◊ Children of the World Paint Jerusalem ◊ Tradition and Revolution: The Jewish Renaissance, Russian Avant-Garde Art, 174 works of Jewish artists during Russian Revolution ◊ Boris Aronson (1898-1980), From Kiev to New York ◊ Dorit Ya'acoby and Reuven Zehavi, Paintings ◊ Islamic Jewelry, treasures of the 8th cent. to modern times ◊ News in Antiquities 87 ◊ Toy Sculptures ◊ Permanent collections: Archeology, Judaica, Ethnic Art; the Dead Sea Scrolls (in the Shrine of the Book).

Archeological (Rockefeller) Museum: Animals in Ancient Art ◊ Crusader Art, 12th-13th cent. sculpture. (Visiting hours see Fri. magazine ad.)

VISITING HOURS: Main Museum 10-10. At 10:30 and 3:30: Children's film, "Hasamba and the Horse Thieves." 11 & 12:15: Shadow Theatre for children, "Rama's Adventures." 11 & 4: Puppets and Story Hour. 12:30: Circus with the Luftgescheft. 3: Guided tour of Shrine of the Book in English. 4:30: Guided tour of Museum in English. 5: "Young Israeli Art," gallery talk by Shlomit Steinberg. 7: Special guided tour, 3,500 years of Chinese Art by curator Rivka Bitterman.

L.A. MAYER MUSEUM FOR ISLAMIC ART. Visiting hours: Sun.-Thur. 10-1; 3:30-6. Fri. closed. Sat. and holiday eves 10-1. Holidays: check with Museum. 2 Hapalmach St., Tel. 661291/2. Bus No. 15.

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TEL AVIV

Museums

TEL AVIV MUSEUM. Exhibitions: Supreme Court Building, Jerusalem, Architectural Competition ◊ W. Eugene Smith, Rebel Photographer ◊ From Manet to Picasso ◊ VISITING HOURS: (Museum and Pavilion): Sun., Tue., Wed., Thur. 10 a.m.-8 p.m.; Mon. 5-8 p.m.; Fri. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Sat. 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; 7-10 p.m.
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HAIFA

Museums

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WHAT'S ON IN HAIFA, dial 04-640840.

Child abuse scandal paralyses UK county

The legal, health and social service authorities of Cleveland, England, are debating whether 93 children were abused at home – or in hospital. David Horovitz reports from London.

DURING A TWO-MONTH period last spring, pediatricians Dr. Marietta Higgs and Dr. Geoffrey Wyatt in the northern England county of Cleveland diagnosed sexual abuse in the cases of no fewer than 93 children.

The doctors, in most instances, made their diagnoses on the basis of a physical examination only, not taking a second opinion, and rarely consulting with parents before placing the children into care.

Since only two cases of child sexual abuse has been diagnosed in this region in the whole of 1986, the area's health, welfare and court systems all but collapsed under the unprecedented pressure. It was clear that either Cleveland was suffering from a child abuse epidemic, or there was something very wrong with the two doctors' diagnostic methods.

A judicial inquiry into the affair opened in Cleveland this week, with a brief far wider than the Higgs-Wyatt controversy. Justice Butler-Slos and her three aides have not only been asked by the secretary of state for health and social services "to examine the arrangements for dealing with suspected cases of child abuse in Cleveland," but also to make detailed recommendations that are expected to form the basis for new laws on how cases of suspected child sexual abuse should be handled.

At the moment there are no guidelines to follow, and the events at Middlesborough General Hospital could theoretically be repeated anywhere in the country.

According to counsel, acting for some 30 of the parents, children initially admitted to hospital for common illnesses were routinely and somewhat roughly examined for signs of sexual abuse by Higgs or Wyatt.

"In almost every case, examination was carried out on the anus or genitals without the parents' consent," Simon Hawkesworth told the inquiry.

In cases where they diagnosed sexual abuse, the doctors called in the parents, telling them to bring to the hospital other young family members, it was claimed. "Almost inevitably, those children were also diagnosed as abuse victims."

Several cases were being diagnosed each week, said Hawkesworth. "In some cases the children were under 12 months, suggesting behaviour so widespread as to be commonplace in this community. Yet there is not a shred of evidence to support this suggestion."

The doctors, it appears, had no legal obligation to tell the parents of their diagnoses, and the children were often placed into the care of social services before their parents had been informed of the alleged abuse.

Legally, it has emerged, the parents had no leg to stand on. While their children were barred from seeing them for more than a few hours a week, they could only wait, bewildered and frustrated. Often, Hawkesworth claimed, parents were not told where their children were going, or who was going to look after them.

The prosecution has charged that the two doctors even attempted to convince children that they had been abused in their sleep by their parents, and that Higgs and Wyatt urged parents to "confess" to their misdeeds, telling them that their children would not be returned to them unless they did so.

Counsel representing the two doctors has denied several of these allegations, asserting that efforts were always made to explain diagnoses to parents, but noting that parents were often hostile. Counsel has also pointed out that many of the diagnoses have since been proved correct.

BUT IT IS the wider implications of the controversy that have grabbed the headlines here: Why do parents not have the legal right to demand a second opinion in such cases? How are doctors able to order children into care for long periods without their parents' consent?

The sheer volume of cases diagnosed by Higgs and Wyatt, and the surge of parental complaints they provoked, forced the Cleveland regional authority to change its procedures in July. A panel of health experts was established to examine all children initially diagnosed as being sexually abused, and all diagnoses are now automatically subject to second opinion.

Since these measures were taken, the number of such cases in Cleveland has fallen to single figures, a fact that would suggest that it is the two doctors who were mistaken in their diagnoses, and that Cleveland parents are not especially deviant in their sexual relations with their children.

The inquiry is expected to last up to three months, time enough for Justice Butler-Slos to decide on the rights and wrongs of this particular controversy.

It may take longer, however, to formulate a set of guide-lines that will both protect parents from pediatricians and ensure that cases of suspected child sexual abuse do not go unreported and untreated.

Sids: Breaking new ground

Parents whose children have died from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome, or who fear that their infants may be at risk, do have some professional help to turn to, Vivienne Levy reports.

"TIME HEALS all wounds" is one of those fatalistic phrases offered by well-meaning people when there seems to be no other way of helping a grieving friend or relative.

It is one of the many things Ellen Turjman had heard since her baby Michael died some months ago, suddenly and unexpectedly, in his cot.

"After Michael died," says Turjman, "I looked for someone to talk to. A nurse came to the house, as did a social worker and a rabbi. But they were ignorant of how I felt. I was trying to cope with being the parent of a dead baby. All that remained for me were his toys and clothes, his smell – and a gap in my life."

Turjman made inquiries about assistance for parents whose children had also most likely died from Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (Sids) and came up with nothing. However, through the pages of this newspaper, she made contact with a stillbirth support group and, in turn, with a Jerusalem therapist (formerly director of social work at Hadassah hospital), named Dr. Michael Roskin, who has for years been involved in the study of bereavement and, more recently, in support groups.

Together, Turjman and Roskin decided to form a group which would enable people to share their experiences of Sids and to explore their feelings with professional supervision.

Six parents from the Jerusalem area and Rehovot presently participate in the group and others have contacted Turjman but have not apparently overcome their reservations about joining it. However, the group is breaking new ground and now has linked up with Prof. Arthur Eidelman, director of the Department of Neonatology at Shaare Zedek Hospital, who has for years taken a serious interest in Sids.

Eidelman offers the group both understanding and much information. For instance, he estimates that 20 out of the 11,000 or so babies born each year in Jerusalem die as a result of this phenomenon. There is no systematic way of collecting information on these deaths, he cautions, nor is it clear what constitutes the diagnosis of Sids, which oftens occurs in the home.

However, Eidelman, in the nine years he has been working in the country, has set up within his department a service for families whose children may be at risk.

"It is generally accepted today that there is some increased risk of Sids in their siblings," he explains. "Because of this, we provide modified screening for the [subsequent] children of people who have already experienced a loss, either here or abroad."

SCREENING involves the hospitalization of the child at one month of age for a period of 12 to 24 hours. During this time, heart-rate and respiration are monitored, blood tests are carried out and measurements of oxygen and carbon dioxide are taken during waking and sleeping periods. The data, recorded on computerized monitors, shows if there is a risk of Sids in the child.

Eidelman explains that after establishing that the child may be at risk, his team advises the family about monitoring during the first year of life for sudden cessation of breathing (a possible cause of Sids). He emphasizes, however, that there is no guarantee of preventing the condition.

Though screening is available, he warns against the possibility of a situation arising here which would be similar to that in the United States: There, over-zealousness on behalf of the medical profession and salesmen selling expensive monitoring machines to frighten parents, has interfered with the monitoring of only those babies who are truly at risk.

Aside from screening, Eidelman is making a vital contribution to the emotional welfare of the bereaved parents referred to him by acknowledging and talking to them about their inevitable feelings of guilt.

"We try to help them overcome this and show them that the child's death was in no way their fault; there was nothing they could have done to prevent it," he says.

"Parents are often struggling with the idea that the child's blanket was not in place, that they had fed him too much or that they should never have spent the evening at the movies. This is an acute reaction to what they were doing at the time of the baby's death. They want to talk and ask questions and we meet with them for this purpose."

THE MAJOR problem facing Eidelman and his team at the hospital, he stresses, is lack of funds. With more manpower and equipment, they could work out a better, more systematic process of referral and conselling for parents of children who died of Sids.

The question remains, however, whether these parents would be willing to talk about their grief in a group setting, such as that of the Jerusalem Sids support group. According to Roskin, lack of participation in it may be due to what he sees as an underlying difference between native-born Israelis and Anglo-Saxon immigrants and the way they cope with tragedy.

"It seems that the airing of personal feelings is not acceptable in this culture," he says. "It is an idea which is foreign to many Israelis who would rather forget their tragedy. It will take time and education to change this."

To this end, the Alef organization for the bereaved (of which Roskin is national president) has established support groups for Hebrew speakers in Haifa and Jerusalem, as well as open lines in a number of locales in order to facilitate contact with bereaved persons who may have lost children or other close family members.

Through these services, he says, Alef seeks "to build up an awareness of the bereaved person's needs and rights, and to improve communications between them."

Roskin's own research into bereavement began in 1982 with research conducted on 62 parents who had lost children through accident or illness. He discovered that while assistance and support is available through the army and the Ministry of Defence for the families of fallen soldiers, there is little help for the relatives of those who die under other circumstances. Alef, he believes, is doing something to help rectify that situation.

Following is a list of Alef's open-line numbers for the bereaved (not exclusively for the parents of children who have died from Sids):

Zichron Ya'acov	Benny (063)99802
Netanya	Zvi (053)31461
Haifa	Miri (04)385340
Jerusalem	Shelly (stillborn)(02)632213
Jerusalem	Ellen (Sids)(02)766823
Kiryat Bialik	Sonia (04)700240
Galil	Shalom(06)933952

(This is the second of two articles).

Selling one's body for bread

Ya'akov Lamdan

POVERTY is on the rise in Lebanon, where increasing numbers of people search daily through the garbage for food.

Saddest, however, is the growth of prostitution among girls as young as 12.

The Lebanese newspaper *Sawt Al-'Oroba* recently investigated child prostitution, printing the stories of some of the girls involved without revealing their identities.

"I was very hungry, that day," said one of the interviewees. "My father had lost his job because the factory where he worked was bombed. He found work but still didn't bring home enough money to feed me and three younger children.

"I was looking through the garbage for scraps of food when a young man came over to me and asked if I wanted a good meal. It was on my 12th birthday.

"I knew what he wanted, but I went with him anyway. I had heard about these things from my older friends. But I was so hungry, I didn't care. I took a shower at his place and he gave me a nightdress as a present. Then we sat down to eat a good, hot meal.

"I drank the wine he offered me, even though as a Moslem, I shouldn't have. Once, just once, I wanted to enjoy life. Then he took me to his bedroom. I knew exactly what he wanted, but I didn't resist.

"I'm ashamed to talk about what happened there. But nonetheless, we became friends and he gave me money every now and then. He introduced me to his friends and I went from one to the other. I saw that I could make money that way.

"My parents were happy with the money I brought home – I told them it was from a babysitting job. Either they didn't know the truth or acted as if they didn't. They were just happy that I could help out.

"I'm ashamed of what I do with men," the girl said. "But I have no choice. I want to stay alive and I don't want to go hungry."

This 12-and-a-half year-old girl's story is typical of many others. Boys also get caught in the web and for a hot meal or a pittance, they too get lured into the beds of pederasts. They also become dope-runners in Lebanon's flourishing narcotics industry.

NOT ONLY the young are suffering. Nabila Sharif, a thin, 88-year-old woman with palsied hands, also goes through heaps of rubbish for edible scraps.

"We once had houses, fields, servants," she told *Sawt Al-'Oroba's* reporter. "Now see what I've been driven to," she said, showing what she'd gathered to eat.

There are still rich people in Lebanon, despite the country's 12 years of civil war. But that stratum has also been hit, as evidenced by the old woman. An economics lecturer at Beirut's American University told the paper, "There were poor people here before the war, too, but not in such huge numbers. Now they constitute a significant portion of society."

Lebanon's inflation in the first half of 1987 reached 200 per cent. Many people have a difficult time buying food – 80 per cent of which is imported – on annual salaries that have plummeted from a 1975 level of $5,300 a year to today's $600. Those with jobs consider themselves fortunate in an economy with 30 per cent unemployment and a legal minimum monthly wage of $27.

The great poverty in Lebanon has fostered a new industry: child selling. Parents place ads in the papers offering their children to the highest bidder. There is a ready market for them among the childless couples of oil-rich Gulf states.

Lebanese children searching through the rubble of their war-torn town.

The number of foundlings left on the steps of orphanages has soared. In June alone 17 infants were so abandoned.

George Fariha, a sociologist, has warned that malnutrition can cause impaired intelligence among the suffering children, many of whom have been seen chewing paper in desperation.

The newspaper quoted a young mother of a two-year-old as saying that she shuts her eyes in order not to see the men she sleeps with to earn some cash.

"My husband is doing what he can to support us," she said. 'But it's not enough and I have to help out. I haven't found any other way. May God forgive me."

Showing more than a little leg

Jill Serjeant/Rome

TWO MONTHS ago, Italians elected a hard-porn sex queen to Parliament. But summer visitors who display too much thigh or a rippling chest in the streets may be deemed offensive – or even be subject to spot fines.

The contradictory attitude to the public display of bare flesh, particularly during the long, torrid summer months, is one of the paradoxes of this predominantly Roman Catholic country and can be a minefield for the unsuspecting tourist.

Ilona Staller, better known as La Cicciolina (little fleshy one), regularly brought Rome traffic to a halt with her public breast-baring during her campaign for the June general election.

But when it comes to tourists stripping down to the bare essentials in an effort to cope with the heat of the cities, the message is decidedly tougher.

Venice authorities have brought in automatic fines for tourists they consider are lowering the tone of the gracious canal city by sightseeing clad in scanty dress.

"From now on anyone who behaves in an uncivilized way will be punished," tourist councillor Augusto Salvadori said, announcing the introduction earlier this month of the 50,000 lire ($35) spot fines.

In Rome, sightseers who strip down to shorts and bikinis are liable to be ordered to cover up by police, while sunbathing or bathing in the city's cooling fountains can bring a stiff fine.

"Rome is not a beach," one city official said, horrified at the sight of tourists plunging into the famous Trevi Fountain on a day when temperatures reached 36 degrees centigrade.

Nude or semi-naked young women adorn the front covers of an increasing number of financial and news weeklies drawing attention to articles inside on everything from health and travel to politics.

"It's a sad fact that in 1987 one can sell more magazines if there is a nude on the front cover," sociologist Gaspare Barbiellini Amidei said.

Advertising boardings show half-naked women sprawled voluptuously across everything from cars to typewriters and washing machines, while several privately-owned television channels screen strip shows to not-very-late night audiences.

In Italy's fledgling home video industry, half the turnover is estimated to come from the sale and hire of pornographic films with demand for sex videos set to boom as more Italians buy their own video tape players.

But although Catholicism ceased to be the official state religion only two years ago, there are few signs of any powerful protest movements.

Social researcher Vanno Codeluppi believes the phenomenon owes much to social changes in Italy over the past 10 years which have seen the legalization of civil divorce and abortion, although both are still rejected and repeatedly condemned by the Catholic church.

"Protest and opposition movements are in decline because of the [illegible] and the consequent falling away of various sexual taboos," he said.

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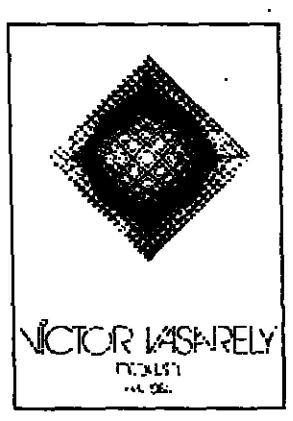

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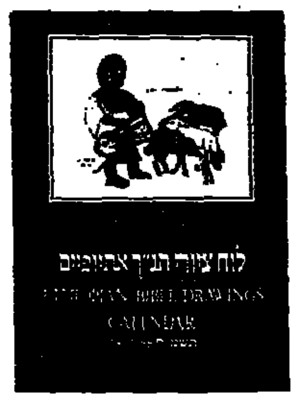

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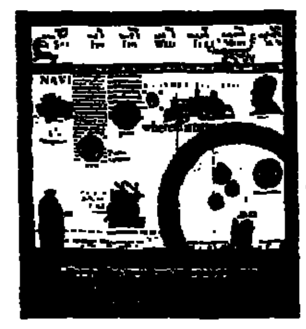

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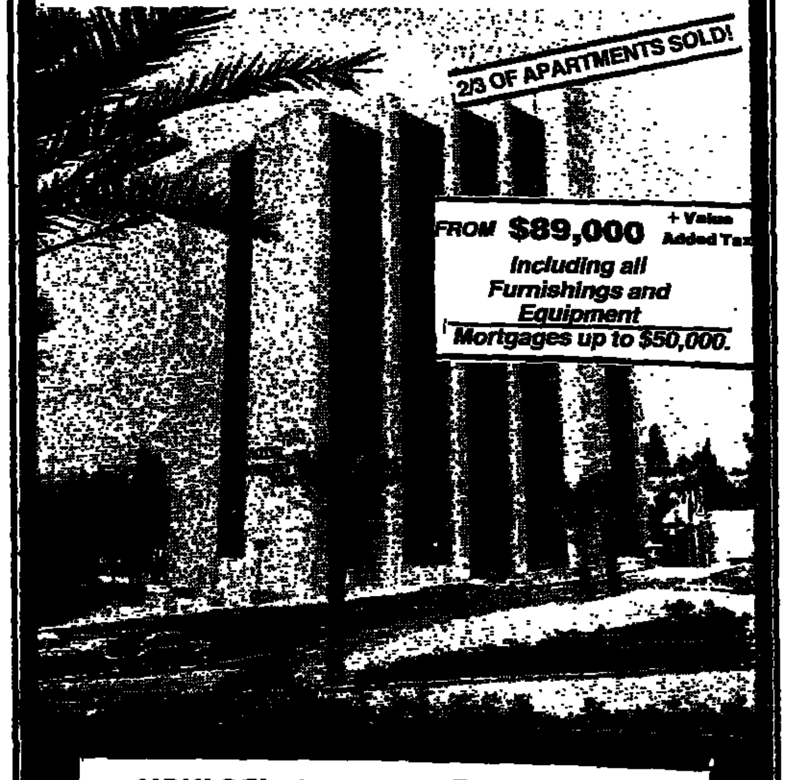

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Dollar drops on trade data

NEW YORK (Reuter). – The dollar and bonds were pushed sharply lower in hectic trading Friday by news that the closely watched U.S. trade deficit widened unexpectedly in June, although they later recovered much of their lost ground.

The government said the deficit widened to $15.7 billion in June as imports soared. The unexpected rise in the trade gap, the second highest monthly deficit on record, followed a $14b. deficit in May, the Commerce Department said.

"When the figures first flashed, you could hear the jaws dropping around Wall Street," quipped Lawrence Ryan, senior vice president and manager for foreign exchange at European American Bank.

The dollar fell more than three pfennigs and three yen to touch lows of 1.864 Deutschmarks and 149.40 yen in Europe. But bargain-hunting buying later in the day helped the dollar gain back some ground. It ended the week at 1.8785 marks, down from 1.8890 at Thursday's close here, and at 150.1 yen, down from 151.5.

Wall Street appeared to be little worried, with the Dow Jones industrial Average straddling the unchanged line most of the day, closing down 6.06 points to 2685.43. Gold prices were lower, due to the return of some gold refinery workers in South Africa, while oil prices fell due to signs of growing inventories.

In part, the market was bolstered by U.S. wholesale prices, which rose a modest 0.2 per cent in July following an identical 0.2 per cent increase in June. The new wholesale price statistics, which were at the lower end of analysts' expectations, signalled that inflation is stabilizing despite fears that rising oil costs and a weaker dollar might drive up prices.

Officials had been predicting the trade deficit would shrink this year because of the drop in the dollar, which has boosted U.S. exports, but the June trade gap appeared to be a setback. The deficit has stubbornly resisted more than modest improvement as the volume of imports remains at high levels.

The Commerce Department said imports rose in June from May to a record $36.8b., while exports increased to $21.1b.

The big increase in the trade gap, from a revised $14b. in May, was much larger than the $13b. predicted by economists. It was the second straight month that the trade gap widened, apparently dashing government hopes that the 40 per cent decline in the dollar against other key currencies has been enough to start reducing the trade deficit.

Dealers said the impact was nearly instantaneous, with participants unloading dollar positions that had been taken on the expectation of an improved trade figure. "Early on it was chaos," said one.

Eilat's pricey but lures tourists

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The surge in tourism to Israel this year isn't being felt in Eilat. But the local tourism industry isn't complaining.

Last year, while the rest of the countries' hotels, restaurants and tourist attractions were empty of foreign visitors – scared off by the high dollar and fears of terrorism – Eilat was thriving. Eilat appeals to sun-and-surf seekers, many of whom aren't fully cognizant that the beach resort is in Israel and thus didn't share the terrorism concerns of potential vacationers to the rest of Israel. They also are mostly Europeans, who weren't as put off to the idea of vacationing abroad as Americans.

Moreover, the Eilat tourism industry was bolstered by a larger-than-usual number of Israelis coming down to spend their summer vacation.

The Israelis aren't coming in the same numbers they did last year; more are vacationing overseas, now that the 20 per cent tax on air fares has been dropped, and the summer heatwave has hardly inspired them to seek Eilat's higher temperatures. But foreign visitors are continuing to come, and hotel occupancy rates averaged 98 per cent during June.

That rate held up for the first three weeks of July before plunging to 80 per cent, but the drop appears to be temporary. An informal sampling conducted by *The Jerusalem Post* found many hotels, including the Sonesta, Moriah and Neptune, fully booked for coming weeks.

Hotels Association president Eli Papoushado rejects the recent spate of publicity about exorbitant hotel prices. Rates throughout the country were determined a year ago, he says, and were approved by the Tourism Ministry. All hotels are under ministry supervision and none can raise prices at whim.

But two British tour operators, Wings and Cosmos, have stopped selling package tours to Eilat. It's not that Eilat has become too expensive says Rafi Beari, the Israel Government Tourist Office representative in London, but there has been too steep an increase in prices compared with those of last year.

Bearing in mind that the cost of the total package to Eilat is generally higher than that to other follow-the-sun tourist destinations, "it is important to give tourists good value for money," Beari emphasizes. Tourists who accept the fact that Eilat is more expensive don't mind paying extra if they get their money's worth, he says.

Although Wings and Cosmos have turned their back on Eilat, Thompson, a major British tour operator, is selling more tickets to Eilat than to other tourist destinations.

In the end, Beari estimates that the final figures on British visitors to the resort will not vary much from those of last year which totalled about 27,000. There is room for improvement, he concedes, but more aggressive marketing would not make much difference in the long run, because Eilat does not have enough hotel rooms.

EXECUTIVE CHANGES

New head of marketing at Discount

Discount's Shaul Shaham

SHAUL SHAHAM is taking over the post of marketing manager at Israel Discount Bank, replacing **ISSACHAR KAUFMAN**, who resigned.

Shaham is a graduate of the Hebrew University, with degrees in economics, political science and law; he also completed a banking course sponsored by the Canadian Banking Association. For the past 19 years, he has filled a number of senior management posts in the bank's savings department.

Before that, Shaham was with the Central Bureau of Statistics and at the Treasury, where he worked in the savings and capital markets divisions.

The board of United Mizrahi Bank's International Holdings Co. has named **YITZHAK YAGER** chairman. Yager has been chairman of parent Mizrahi Bank since the end of last year, before that serving as managing director of Mishav Development Co. He is active in the National Religious Party.

Engineer **MOSHE DORON** has been appointed head of the buildings and properties department of the Defence Ministry, succeeding retiring **NAFTALI GOREL**.

Scitex Corp. is splitting its 280-person research and development department into two: One section will deal with short-term developments and changes, working closely with the marketing division; the second will focus on more fundamental and long-range projects.

Heading the second division will be **GIDEON ROSENFELD**, who led the R&D division through the development of Scitex's latest range of pre-press products for the printing and publishing industry. No word yet on who will be taking charge of the first division.

RAFI PRIEL, 43, is the new managing director of Pecker Galvanising Enterprises Ltd., a unit of Pecker steel Ltd., with two plants in Kiryat Malachi and Arad.

Priel has a degree in industrial operations and management and a masters degree in business administration. He was previously managing director of Pecker Packaging Industries Ltd. and most recently was in the U.S., where he managed the office of another Pecker subsidiary, Negev Ceramics Ltd.

Israel Aircraft Industries has named two new members to its board of directors:

YA'ACOV HEFETZ, 64, has served in a variety of positions in army intelligence and as military attache in London until 1963. Since then, among the posts he has held are as budget division head at the Defence Ministry and as managing director of Delek Fuel Corp.

Attorney **HANAN MELTZER**, 36, is a graduate of the Tel Aviv University Law Faculty and today heads his own law office. Until last September he was a director of Beit Shemesh Engines.

At Malam Systems Ltd., software centre, **TZION YAROM** has been appointed a director.

Currently head of data processing at Rafael, the armaments development authority, Yaron held various positions in the IDF before becoming head of the Haifa University computer centre.

'Arrangement' shares

From today, holders of bank shares covered by the "arrangement" with the Treasury and blocked since 1983, will be able to notify their banks of their desire to redeem them at the end of October.

Those wishing to continue to hold the shares until 1989, and thus to take advantage of the Treasury's improved terms for the coming two years, need take no action.

New inflation fears in Japan

TOKYO. – The sharp rise in wholesale prices last month has fanned market concern about a resurgence of inflation in Japan, but most economists insist such fears are overblown. They also say the 0.9 per cent month-on-month rise, the largest since April 1980, is unlikely to trigger a rise in the discount rate, a view echoed by Bank of Japan officials.

"Visible signs of a rekindled inflation are emerging, as shown by the continuous double-digit increase in the money supply in May and June, and the alarming month-to-month leap... of the wholesale price index," says Bank of Tokyo Ltd. Senior Adviser Teruhiko Mano. "It is... long overdue for monetary authorities to change the basic stance of their policy."

But his view is in the minority. Although other economists agreed that inflation is picking up, they contend that the central bank is unlikely to act now.

"As long as economic growth is reasonably modest and the yen doesn't weaken, inflationary pressures will be containable," says Peter Morgan, chief economist at the British securities company, Barclays De Zoete Wedd Ltd. (Reuter).

MIDDLE EAST ECONOMY

Gold sale is just a stopgap for Lebanon

The proposed sale of one fifth of Lebanon's gold reserves will have only limited impact in solving a deepening economic crisis, bankers and economists say. "This would be a temporary solution," says one economist. "It would be like slapping a bandage on a man already dying."

Acting Prime Minister Selim Hoss proposed on Monday selling 20 per cent of Lebanon's 9.2 million ounces of gold reserves to set up a stabilization fund for the ailing Lebanese pound, which has lost 62 per cent of its international value this year.

The pound recovered marginally on Thursday to 222.50 to the dollar from Wednesday's closing price of 223.50.

Sources close to the Sunni Moslem prime minister, a former banker, say the $800 million to be raised by the gold sales could bolster the economy for about nine months.

But bankers are more sceptical and say heavy speculation against the pound could drain the fund within two months.

Implementing the plan could be a long and tricky process. The sale would have to be approved by Lebanon's divided Parliament and would then need the signature of the Christian president, Amin Gemayel.

"Gemayel could throw it back to Parliament or sign it. If he throws it back, Parliament would have to vote again," one banker says.

Christian leaders have said they were ready to discuss a gold sale – provided a new government was formed first. The current "national unity" cabinet has been virtually paralysed for more than a year. Split along sectarian lines, it has been weakened by the murder of Prime Minister Rashid Karami in June and the death last week of Finance Minister Camille Chamoun.

If agreed, the gold sale would be likely to take time.

"The gold would probably be sold in stages to lessen the impact on the [international] price and ensure support from Arab banks," one banker says. Arab banks, with wide influence in Lebanon, are deeply involved in gold trading and would be likely to voice opposition to a one-off sale which could depress world prices.

There are also fears among bankers that a sale would not stop with just 20 per cent of Lebanon's gold reserves. One says: "If you start selling gold without political concensus in the country then you'll never stop. It's suicidal."

Central bank governor Edmond Naim is also reported to have been seeking foreign loans to prop up Lebanon's economy. But bankers say a loan is likely to be linked to demands for fiscal reform, such as lifting oil and wheat subsidies.

"Raising loans or selling gold – it doesn't really matter which – buys us more time," one analyst says. "But what we really need after 12 years of civil war is a political solution to our troubles." (Reuter)

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Jordan, 35 years after King Hussein's ascension to the throne, is undergoing a serious economic crisis brought on by a slump in aid from Arab oil-producing states.

The crisis follows the boom years of the 1970s and is most evident today in unemployment statistics, which show that 8 per cent of the 450,000-member work-force is out of a job, although some economic analysts here put the figure at 13 per cent. The World Bank has warned that joblessness could reach 30 per cent of the work-force by 1990.

An Arab summit in Baghdad in 1978 approved annual aid to Jordan of $1.25 billion over 10 years as part of the Arab campaign against Israel. But the money has never been paid in full as Libya has declined to contribute its share.

Gulf countries, meanwhile, have made only sporadic payments since 1981 because of falling oil revenues, according to official sources here. In 1987, Saudi Arabia alone honoured its commitment, contributing some $400m.

Jordan has thus sought other sources of revenue. It produced only 14,513 metric tons of crude oil but hopes to boost production this year. A new oil field was discovered in 1984 in Arzak, 90 kilometres north-east of Amman, but its output to date has been too small to justify commercial development.

Jordan's principal product is phosphate, of which it turns out six million tons a year.

Informed sources here say gas was recently discovered in the Richeh region, 300 kilometres east of Amman on the Iraqi border. Jordanian authorities have refused to provide an indication of the size of the find.

At the same time the government has appealed to the estimated 325,000 Jordanians living abroad to increase their transfer of funds to Jordanian banks. In 1986, Jordanians overseas sent home $1.1 billion. (AFP)

SHEKEL FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES

August 14, 1987

COUNTRY	CURRENCY		BANK OF ISRAEL *Representative Rates*
CURRENCY BASKET		1	1.6772
U.S.A.	DOLLAR	1	1.6277
GERMANY	MARK	1	0.8597
GREAT BRITAIN	STERLING	1	2.5656
FRANCE	FRANC	1	0.2572
JAPAN	YEN	100	1.0686
HOLLAND	FLORIN	1	0.7627
SWITZERLAND	FRANC	1	1.0338
SWEDEN	KRONA	1	0.2474
NORWAY	KRONE	1	0.23617
DENMARK	KRONE	1	0.2230
FINLAND	MARK	1	0.3559
CANADA	DOLLAR	1	1.2240
AUSTRALIA	DOLLAR	1	1.1479
SOUTH AFRICA	RAND	1	0.7693
BELGIUM	FRANC	10	0.4136
AUSTRIA	SCHILLING	10	1.2231
ITALY	LIRA	1000	1.1863
JORDAN	DINAR	1	4.5983
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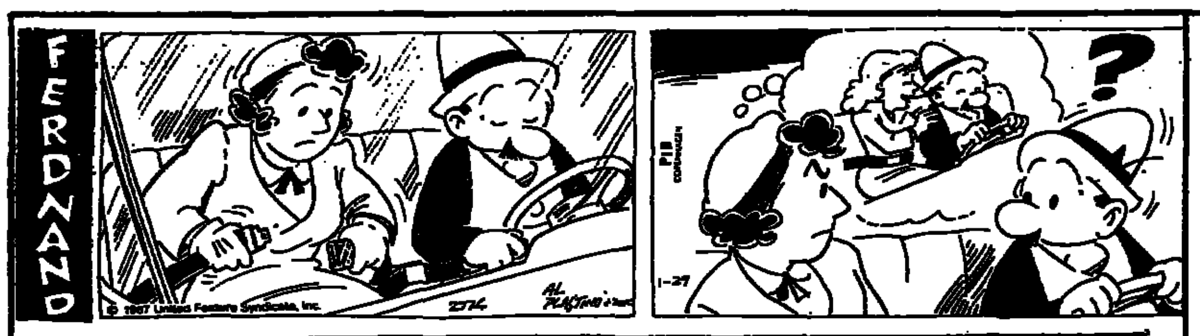


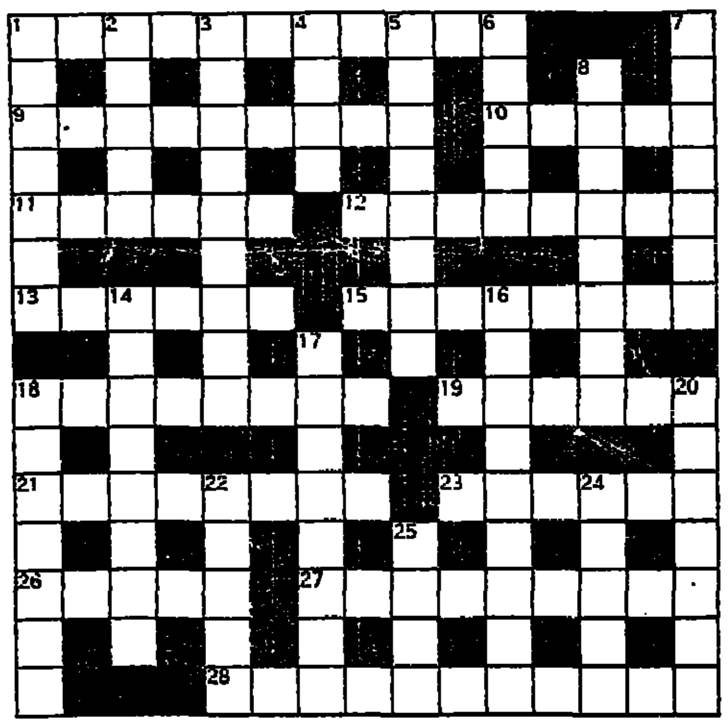
CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Apprehension affecting the first gag? (5.6)
9 Farmworker's often found at the pub for lunch (9)
10 Volumes of reserves (5)
11 Unacceptable blubber — widespread complaint (6)
12 Time for breakfast food! (8)
13 Plea is altered in secret observation (6)
15 Acceptable home counties remedy for the frail (8)
18 Careless hit-and-run (8)
19 Badger has little time for afternoon service (3-3)
21 Party favourite as a rule (8)
23 Even less to look at? (6)
26 Encounter trendy dog (5)
27 Stand for serving soldiers? (5-4)
28 One cannot look such a person up in exotic Derry trip (2-9)

DOWN

1 Judge to sit, taking drink first (7)
2 An attic high up (5)
3 Put flowers around Constable, for example, retiring in the country (9)
4 It is a swindle to put a penny on farm butter (4)
5 The end of the barrel? (8)
6 Potato, say, sounding like a euphonium? (5)
7 Gold-topped trees damaged? That is severe (7)
8 Lord's mud treated but there is still water here (8)
14 Farmer C. announced this dispensary (8)
16 Active in entire GCE development (9)
17 Variegated as in grade Trossachs has thrown back (8)
18 An in-between sort of blue? (7)
20 How might this jailer modulate? (7)
22 There is often room for improvement where one works (5)
24 State of Florida hot in the interior (5)
25 Rail around den (4)



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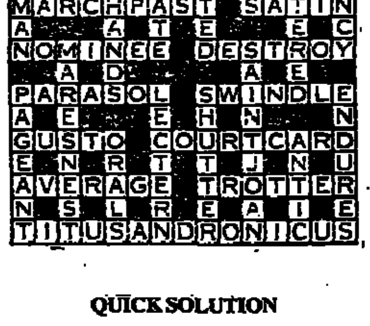
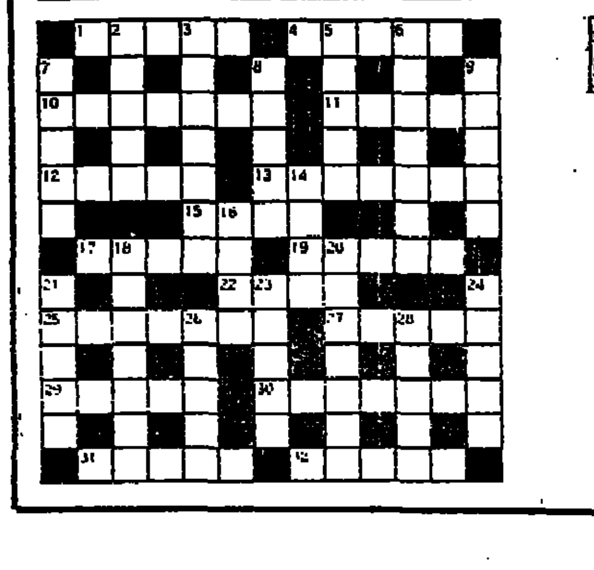


QUICK SOLUTION

Across: 1, Peter the Painter; 9, Radcial; 10, Spirals; 11, Heseltine; 12, Therm; 13, Docking; 15, Saddled; 17, Mirages; 19, Lowered; 21, Tasks; 23, Vegetates; 25, Humming; 26, Bloater; 27, *Suspend sentence.*

Down: 1, Parched; 2, Tides; 3, Recalling; 4, Holding; 5, Pastels; 6, Idiot; 7, Traveller; 8, Resumed; 14, Christmas; 16, Do without; 17, Matches; 18, Savaged; 19, Legible; 20, Deserve; 22, Swine; 24, Titan.



QUICK CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Balance, composure
4 Release from fold
10 Wine or cake
11 Dizzy
12 Unit of radioactivity
13 Narrow neck of land
15 Roman emperor
17 Forest clearing
19 Weapon
22 Weaving apparatus
25 Eye doctor
27 Semi-divine maiden
29 Mannequin
30 Trap
31 Gum resin
32 Misanthrope

DOWN

2 Fraternity of monks
3 Clergyman's salary
5 Darkness
6 Peculiar to an area
7 Loose garment
8 Long-snouted mammal
9 Romany
14 Card game
16 Slippery fishes
18 Clothes washed and ironed
20 General pardon
21 Doctrine
23 Freshwater carnivore
24 Bad-tempered woman
26 Layabout
28 Resort in Florida

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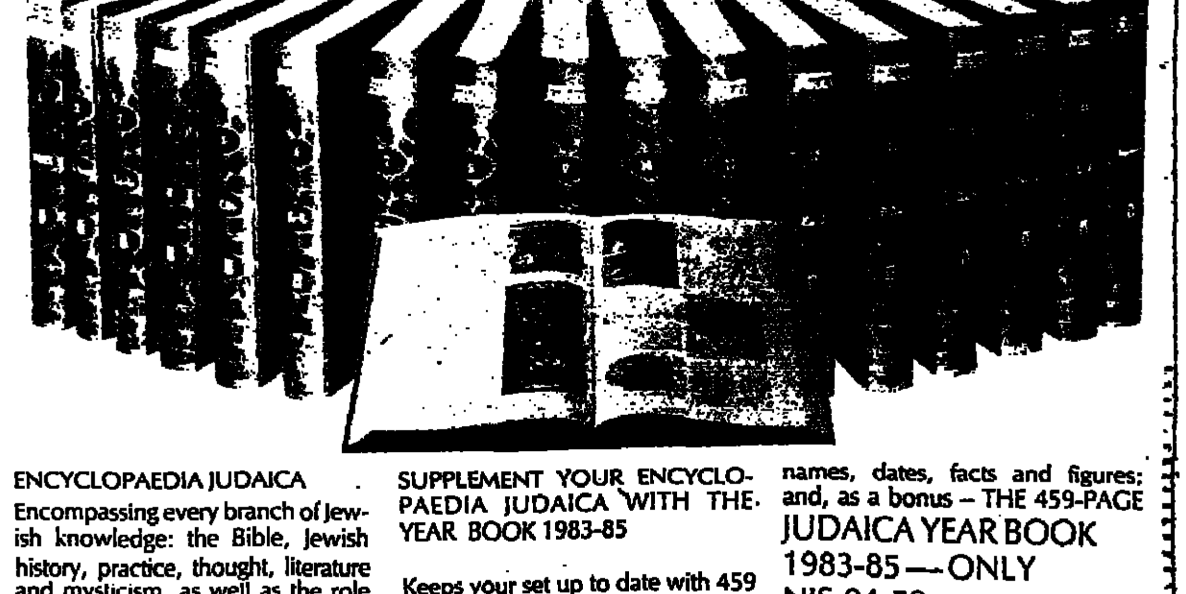

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TENNIS

Four Israelis for Seoul

By JACK LEON

TEL AVIV. – Israel's success in reaching the World Group quarter-finals of the Davis Cup, has earned it the right to nominate up to four players for the men's main draw of the Seoul Olympics tennis championships in September, 1988. The four will be made up of two players in the 64-draw singles and, if required, another two in doubles.

"In all probability, our men's team in Seoul will comprise Amos Mansdorf, Shlomo Glickstein and Gilad Bloom," Israel Tennis Association chairman David Harnik told me on Friday.

Harnik is confident that Mansdorf will rejoin the Davis Cup team soon, having quit the squad three weeks ago following the disciplinary measures taken against him in New Delhi. "I am confident that Amos will be back before January, when the first round of the 1988 Davis Cup will be played off," he said. The entry list for the Olympics closes at the end of the year.

The ITA's management committee is meeting here on Tuesday to discuss Israel's 4-0 loss to India – their heaviest Davis Cup defeat since the 5-0 whitewash by Holland in Amsterdam in 1976, though on that occasion the Israelis did manage to win four sets, as against none in New Delhi. Non-playing captain Yosef Stabholz will submit his report on the debacle in India, in what is always a routine post-Davis Cup summing-up meeting.

Harnik reported that main draw first round singles in Seoul are set for September 20 and 21. The ITA has asked the International tennis Federation tournament organizers to ensure that Israelis can play their opening matches on September 20, to avoid a clash with Yom Kippur on September 21.

Regarding the competition for women in the Olympics, Harnik said it was hoped to increase the main singles draw from 32 to 48. This would enhance the chances of Israeli champion Ilana Berger being accepted into the tournament's Asian Zone qualifier. Berger – who is currently doing quite well in $10,000 WITA events in New Jersey – is at present around 240th among the 700 women listed in the world singles rankings, a standing not bettered by many players in Asia.

President Herzog will present Shlomo Glickstein with the International Tennis Federation's "award of merit" for services to the game at a ceremony at Beit Hanassi on October 5. Glickstein received the ITF honour last month, in recognition of a highly-successful decade of competition in the Davis Cup, during which he has played in 60 singles and doubles rubbers.

CAESAREA GOLF

Gary Matz of Tel Aviv and Charlie Elmidway of Or Akiva, won the prestigious Pinto Cup on Friday with a 3-under-par 70 net in a greensomes tournament. (Pinto was the maiden name of Mrs. James de Rothschild.

BRITISH SOCCER

Red hot Liverpool

LONDON (AFP). – There's life without Ian Rush at Liverpool but it took three newcomers to replace the Italian exile and then an opportunist late goal to sink Arsenal 2-1 at Highbury yesterday as the long and arduous English football season opened in summer sunshine.

The highlight of the opening day's matches was a tough one for Liverpool against the side who beat them in the League Cup final last season.

But new signings Peter Beardsley, John Barnes and John Aldrige fulfilled their contract – to step into the shoes of the Welsh target man Rush – now with Italian giants Juventus.

With only 10 minutes gone, Beardsley freed England teammate Barnes down the wing and Aldrige, who scored in each of his two appearances at the end of last season, lunged at the cross and headed hard and low into the corner.

Within 10 minutes Arsenal were back on terms when Alan Smith, there £800,000 summer signing from Leicester City, made space close in for Paul Davis to fire low and hard for the equaliser.

Liverpool were on the rampage for the rest of the half but after the break the gunners turned the tables in front of 54,000 fans, the biggest attendance for over two seasons.

With only minutes remaining however, a failed clearance from the Arsenal goal area popped up in the path of Liverpool defender Steve Nichol and his bullet header from the edge of the area gave home goalkeeper no chance.

As the former champions opened their campaign for a 17th league championship in winning style, Merseyside Rivals and current champions Everton also opened on a winning note.

Former Manchester City star Paul Power headed them into a 1-0 lead with 35 minutes gone against Norwich, and though the Light Blues lost their way in front of the Goodison faithful after the break they held on to their lead until the end.

Decimated by injuries and without five first team players, Everton will be overjoyed with even a slender win against the side they beat to clinch the championship less than three months ago.

Manchester United shared four goals in a 2-2 draw at Southampton, Northern Ireland international Norman Whiteside scoring both United goals with Danny Wallace twice replying for the home team.

The opening day was bad news for London championship hopes with Tottenham joining Arsenal among the defeated ranks after going down 2-1 to FA cup holders Coventry.

David Speedie, Coventry's summer signing from Chelsea, scored the first goal of the league season for his new club with a snap shot from 25 yards and Greg Downs made it 2-0 before half time with Gary Mabbutt hitting a late compensation goal for Spurs.

One-time England striker Kerry Dixon scored the first goal of the 1987-88 first division campaign after five minutes in Chelsea's 1-1 home draw with Sheffield Wednesday, but Luton's Mick Harford had made a less notable impact 60 second earlier.

The combative striker became the first player to be shown the red card – reintroduced after an absence of six years – when he was ordered off for a brutal tackel on Derby fullback Mel Page.

In the fourth division, Scarborough "celebrated" their first appearance in an English league fixture with a visit from once-mighty Wolverhampton Wanderers. But the match was marred by fighting on the terraces and a Wolverhampton fan was taken to hospital after being given the kiss of life.

ENGLISH FIRST DIVISION RESULTS: Arsenal 1, Liverpool 2; Charlton 1, Notts. Forest 2; Chelsea 2, Sheffield Wednesday 1; Coventry 2, Tottenham 1; Derby 1, Luton 0; Everton 1, Norwich 0; Oxford 4, Portsmouth 2; Southampton 2, Manchester 2; Watford 1, Wimbledon 0; West Ham 0, Q.P.R 3

SECOND DIVISION RESULTS: Birmingham City 2, Stoke City 0; Bradford City 2, Swindon Town 0; Huddersfield Town 2, Crystal Palace 2; Hull City 2, Blackburn Rovers 2; Ipswich Town 1, Aston Villa 1; Leicester City 0, Shrewsbury Town 1; Manchester City 2, Plymouth Argyle 1; Middlesborough 1, Millwall 1; Sheffield United 0, Bournemouth 1; West Brom 0, Oldham Athletic 0.

THIRD DIVISION RESULTS: Brentford 0, Sunderland 1; Brighton and Hove Albion 1; York City 0; Bristol Rovers 3, Rotherham United 1; Bury 2, Southend 2; Chester 0, Northhampton Town 5; Doncaster Rovers 1, Grimsby Town 0; Gillingham 0, Blackpool 0; Mansfield Town 2, Bristol City 0; Notts Country 4, Wigan Athletic 4; Port Vale 4, Aldershot 2; Preston 0, Chesterfield 1; Walsall 0, Fulham 1.

FORTH DIVISION RESULTS: Burnley 0, Colchester 3; Cardiff City 1, Orient 1; Crewe Alexandra 1, Bolton 1; Exeter 3, Cambridge 0; Halifax Town 2, Darlington 2; Hartlepool 0, Newport County 0; Hereford 0, Rochdale 0; Peterborough 1, Carlisle 0; Scarborough 2, Wolves 2; Scunthorpe 3, Tranmere Rovers 0; Stockport Country 0, Swansea City 2; Torquay 6, Wrexham 1.

Glasgow Rangers' miserable start in the Scottish premier league continued at Aberdeen where they lost 2-0 to leave them with just one point from the opening three games.

Davie Dodds put Aberdeen in front in the first half and Welshman Peter Nicholas, signed for £350,000 from English first division club Luton during the short summer break, scored again after the interval.

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Celtic	3	3	0	0	9	1	6
Dundee	3	2	1	0	8	1	5
Aberdeen	3	2	1	0	6	2	5
Dundee Ytd.	3	1	2	0	5	3	4
Hearts	3	1	1	1	5	4	3
Dunfermline	3	0	3	0	4	4	3
Motherwell	3	1	1	1	4	6	3
Hibernian	3	1	1	1	4	7	3
St. Mirren	3	0	2	1	3	4	2
Rangers	3	0	1	2	1	4	1
Falkirk	3	0	1	2	2	7	1
Morton	3	0	0	3	2	10	0

RESULTS: Aberden 2, Rangers 0; Celtic 4, Motherwell 1; Dundee 3, Morton 1; Falkirk 0, Dunfermline 0; Hibernian 0, Dundee 4; St. Mirren 1, Hearts 1.

WINNING SPORTOTO LINE: 2, 2, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, X, 1, 2, X, X, 1, 1.

Connors beats McEnroe

MONTREAL (AP). – Jimmy Connors turned back the clock on Friday with a thrilling 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 victory over John McEnroe in the quarter-final of the $375,000 Player's International tennis tournament here.

The triumph broke Connors' four-year, 10-match losing streak against his long-time archrival and moved the 34-year-old veteran into a semi-final meeting with Ivan Lendl.

Lendl, the world's top-ranked player, defeated Slobodan Zivojivovic 6-3, 7-5 in an earlier match.

The other semifinal will pit defending champion Boris Becker against Stefan Edberg in a repeat of last year's final.

Edberg, the second seed, defeated Kevin Curren 7-6 (7-5), 7-5, while Becker, seeded third, rebounded from a poor first set to overcome unseeded Swede Peter Lundgren 1-6, 6-1, 6-2.

Rain delayed the start of Lendl's match by four hours, but the top seed wasted little time in asserting himself. Breaking Zivojinovic to love in the first game.

Lendl, who conceded just 13 points in winning his 10 service games in the match exploited Zivojinovic's erratic backhand repeatedly.

At the women's tournament in Manhattan Beach, California Chris Evert and Martina Navratilova will meet for the 74th time in their professional careers.

Evert and Navratilova won quarterfinal matches on Friday, with Navratilova beating 17-year-old qualifier Elly Hakami of California 6-3, 6-2 and Evert Downing eighth-seeded Lori McNeil of Houston 6-1, 7-5.

In the other two quarterfinal matches on Friday, second-seeded Steffi Graf of West Germany breezed past no. 9 seed Bettina Bunge 6-1, 6-1, and seventh-seeded Gabriela Sabatini ousted no. 4 see Hana Mandlikova 7-6 (7-3), 2-6, 7-5.

Graf meets Sabatini in the other semifinal.

In the semi-finals of the Czechoslovak mens grand prix in Prague, third seeded Tomas Smid of Czechoslovakia beat compatriot Jaroslav Navratil 6-1, 7-5 and Marian Vajda, also of Czechoslovakia, beat seventh seeded Argentinian Guillermo Vilas 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.

BASEBALL

Soviet team thrashed

MOSCOW (Reuter). – The Soviet national baseball team played its first match last week and lost 0-22 to Nicaragua.

The Soviet team was overwhelmed by the experienced Nicaraguans, who included four members of the national team which Tass described as one of the best in the world.

"At least it managed to prevent the guests from scoring points in two innings," Tass said.

WEST GERMAN SOCCER

Yesterday's results: Bayern Munich 2, Waldhof Mannheim 1; Kaiserslautern 0, Werder Bremen 0; Bochum 0, Cologne 0; Stuttgart 6, Borussia Moenchengladbach 0; Bayer Leverkusen 1, Nuremberg 1; Karlsruhe 4, Schalke 1; matches played on Friday: Borussia Dortmund 2, FC Homburg 0; Bayer Uerdingen 3, Eintracht Frankfurt 0.

BASEBALL

Pennant fever spreads through all four divisions

NEW YORK (AP). – Last season, baseball suffered without a single pennant race. This season, pennant fever has spread through all the divisions and the heat is on.

"Everybody's still in it," says Cincinnati manager Pete Rose. Scoring the NL West standings where his reds entered the weekend with their nose just ahead of San Francisco at the top.

But Rose could have been assessing the Majors in general where several newcomers are brightening up the pennant scrambles. Chases are shaping up in all four divisions, almost as if to make up for last year's September drudgery.

Going into the weekend, 12 teams are within five games of the top and some, such as Detroit, California and the Giants are charging fast.

At this point last season, there were only six clubs within challenging distance and soon thereafter there were no races for the first time since division play began in 1969. The New York Mets, Houston, Boston and California were all in first place by July 21 and stayed here.

"It'll still go right down to the end, I think." Minnesota manager Tom Kelly said after the Twins – who have not won the AL West since 1970 – are being hard pressed by California.

The AL West, often called a mishmash of mediocrity, is the most tightly bunched division with Kansas City, Oakland, Seattle and Texas all still in the hunt

Pitching usually decides pennant races and Bret Saberhagen (16-7) help Kansas City have the best starting rotation in the AL. But the Royals' bullpen is weak. Carlton, acquired by the Twins from Cleveland on July 31, has gone 1-2 since joining the Twins and has not bolstered their staff as much as hoped.

In the AL East, Toronto took over last week as New York faded when pitching problems turned into a feud between manager Lou Piniella and owner George Steinbrenner. Detroit are also a factor in this decision.

"It's still too early to start worrying that if we lose and the Yankees win, they'll be in the first place." says Toronto's Dave Stieb, who has seemingly overcome elbow trouble and regained his stature as staff ace by winning six straight decisions.

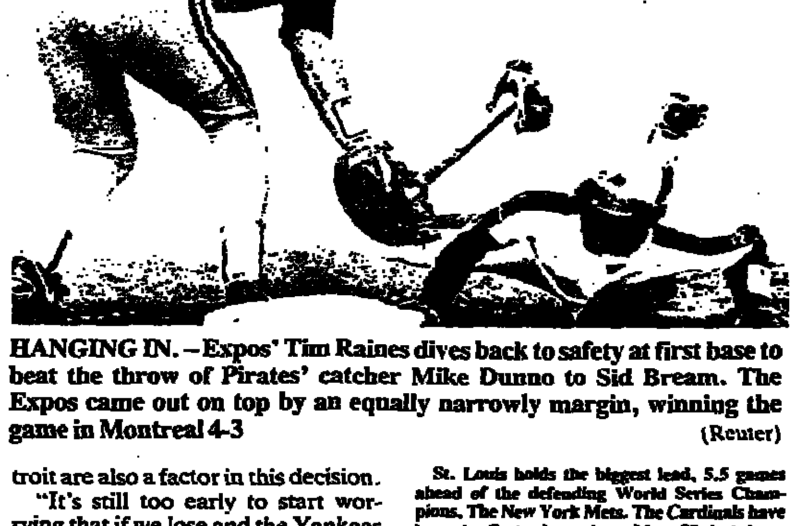
Toronto and Detroit have both made deals in the last week to enhance their chances.

The Blue Jays got Niekro from Cleveland last week as a fifth started and he lost his debut with Toronto. Nielro, 48, has never been in a World Series. The Tigers acquired Alexander from Atlanta as a fifth starter and got Morrison from Pittsburgh to fill a shaky pot at thirdbase.

The Yankees also are looking for pitching, but have come up empty so far. They are said to be after David Palmer of the Braves and Floyd Bannister of the Chicago White Sox.

Cincinnati who have not reached the playoffs since 1979, and San Francisco, out of post – season play since 1971, are still comfortably ahead of Houston, but even Los Angeles and Atlanta are not out of it.

"I can't figure this team out," Rose said after the Reds had lost six of eight on a West Coast trip.



HANGING IN. – Expos' Tim Raines dives back to safety at first base to beat the throw of Pirates' catcher Mike Dunno to Sid Bream. The Expos came out on top by an equally narrowly margin, winning the game in Montreal 4-3 (Reuter)

St. Louis holds the biggest lead, 5.5 games ahead of the defending World Series Champions, The New York Mets. The Cardinals have been in first place since May 20 but have recently shown signs of inconsistency with Jack Clark hurt. That has allowed the Mets and Hang-tough Montreal to remain in Contention.

After this weekend, the schedule wil put head-to-head matchups on hold for a while. Not until a Labour Day will teams again play primarily against clubs in their own division.

Not that games in the next month mean anything less.

"I'm watching the scoreboard, but I watch it every day," Cardinals manager Whitey Herzog says. "From opening day to the last day of the season, they all matter." (Reuter)

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Toronto	69	47	.595	—
Detroit	66	47	.584	1½
New York	66	50	.569	3
Milwaukee	60	55	.522	8½
Boston	54	61	.470	14½
Baltimore	52	64	.448	17
Cleveland	44	71	.383	24½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Minnesota	63	54	.538	—
California	59	57	.509	3½
Kansas City	58	57	.504	4
Oakland	58	57	.504	4
Seattle	56	59	.487	6
Texas	55	59	.482	6½
Chicago	46	68	.404	15½

Friday's games: Boston 9, Texas 3, 1st game; Texas 9, Boston 4, 2nd game; Cleveland 6, New York 5; Toronto 3, Chicago 2; Milwaukee 6, Baltimore 2; Minnesota 6, Seattle 3; Kansas City 7, Detroit 5: Oakland 7, California 6, 12 innings.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST

	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	61	36	.629	—
New York	53	45	.541	8½
Montreal	55	42	.567	6
Philadelphia	49	48	.505	12
Chicago	51	47	.520	10½
Pittsburgh	45	53	.459	16½

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cincinnati	52	47	.525	—
San Francisco	51	48	.515	1
Houston	49	49	.500	2½
Los Angeles	43	55	.439	8½
Atlanta	43	55	.439	8½
San Diego	36	63	.364	16

Friday's games: Montreal 4, Pittsburgh 3; Cincinnati 2, San Diego 0, 1st game; San Diego 15, Cincinnati8, 2nd game; Houston 8, Atlanta 4; St. Louis 8, Philadelphia 4; Los Angeles 4, San Francisco 3.

McGwire's rookie record

NEW YORK (AP). – Until recently, Mark McGwire did not know who held the Major-League record for home runs by a rookie. Now, he knows the answer – he does.

McGwire hit his 39th home run on Friday night and, more importantly to him, the Oakland Athletics beat the California Angels 7-6 in 12 innings on Mike Davis's RBI single.

McGwire, leading the Majors in home runs, went 3-for-6 with a double that sparked a three-run fifth inning and a single that helped Oakland take the lead in the ninth. His record-setting homer was a two-run drive over the left-field fence in the sixth inning against Ron Sutton at Anaheim Stadium.

McGwire broke the rookie record of 38 set in 1930 by Wally Berger of the Boston Braves and tied by Frank Robinson of Cincinnati in 1956. On Tuesday, McGwire had surpassed the AL Rookie homer mark of 37 set by Cleveland's Al Rosen.

"I didn't even know what the rookie record was until somebody brought it to my attention about a month ago," McGwire said.

"It's sort of hard to believe. Who was going to tell me I was going to do this?"

Moses, Reynolds shine

LONDON (Reuter). – Americans Ed Moses and Butch Reynolds, favourites for the men's 400 metres hurdles and 400 metres respectively at the world athletics championships in Rome later this month, recorded convincing victories at the international athletics club grand prix meeting on Friday.

Moses, defeated twice this year, flowed to a smooth victory in 48.07 seconds from Briton Kriss Akabusi, who has switched from the flat event to the hurdles this year. Akabusi clocked 49.34.

Reynolds, who has exploded onto the international scene ths year with three times under 44.20 seconds, relegated Nigerian Innocent Egbunike to second place in a time of 44.42

Olympic 800 metres champion Joaquim Cruz suffered a humiliating defeat in the same meeting.

The Brazilian trailed in sixth behind European Cup winner Tom McKean, of Scotland, who literally pushed aside a top-quality field.

CRICKET Notts take charge

Post Sports Staff

Nottinghamshire grabbed the initiative as the two top teams in the English County championship clashed in a critical fixture at Trent Bridge yesterday. By close of play on the opening day of their match against second-place Northamtonshire, the leaders Notts had amassed 352-4 with Tim Robinson cracking a spirited 102 Newell 72, Board 67 and Rice 65.

The two teams are already to meet in the premier one-day competition after winning their semi-finals of the Natwest trophy last week.

Little-known seamer Andy Pick kept Notts on course for a unique treble when he spearheaded their charge into the final.

The 23-year-old upstaged two world-class all-rounders – New Zelander Richard Hadlee and South Africa Clive Rice – with competition-best figures five for 22 to send injury-hit Gloucestershire crashing by 143 runs.

In the other semi-final Northants beat Leicestershire by 85 runs to reach their second one-day final of the season. They lost to Yorkshire in the Benson and Hedge final.

An unbroken seventh wicket stand of 59 between New Zealander John Bracewell and West Indian wicket-keeper Jeff Dujon led the Rest of the World team to a four-wicket victory over Lancashire in a limited overs match on Friday.

But the visitors suffered a severe blow when their prolific Indian batsman Suni Gavaskar was forced to retire after being hit on the foot by a vicious yorker from West Indies fast bowler Pat Patterson.

An X-ray showed nothing broken, but Gavaskar has only six days to recover from bad bruising in time for the bicentenary test.

No medals – still a winner

BRISBANE (AP). – American Bobby Patten didn't figure in the medals in the 200-metre butterfly final at the Pan Pacific swimming championships here. But as far as the 24-year-old was concerned he was still a winner.

Just making it into the final of an international meet after surviving the toughest battle of his life – a fight against deadly lymphatic cancer – had the resident of Littleton, Colorado, smiling.

Patten, competing in his first international competition since overcoming the cancer that knocked him out of swimming in 1983-85, finished fifth behind compatriot Melvin Stewart (1:58.05 seconds) in 2:00.44

"There was a very real possibility that I would lose the arm and part of my shoulder. It was a scary time," said Patten.

"It really makes you think about life and what it's worth. Right now I just want to swim, do the best I can and enjoy everything."

Next year's Olympics in Seoul are at the top of his plans.

SOFTBALL Schwartz redeems himself

Jerusalem Hilton-ASA really relish drama. Two weeks ago in the first game of the final series to decide the Israel National Softball League (one of the country's two leagues) they blew what would have been a decisive victory over upstart title-seekers Kibbutz Gezer. Leading 16-6 in the final inning the Jerusalem club lost the game on a technical decision following a punch-up.

They levelled the series by winning the second game convincingly 16-3.

Then came Friday's finale and it was no less dramatic. Fortunately this time the excitement was confined to the play itself.

Gezer shocked their more fancied opponents when they stormed ahead and held a 7-2 lead going into the bottom of the final inning.

Hilton-ASA then took off. They pulled back one run but with two out the Kibbutz team were just one out away from a sensational victory.

They could not, however, clinch their triumph.

Joel Katzin and winning pitcher Eddie Gedalof walked. Matt Epstein singled sharply to make it 7-4. Next at bat was outfielder Rafi Amkraut who has powered the Jerusalem offence all season. Amkraut duly hit the ball out of sight, his home run trying the game.

Never-say-die Gezer got a run to go back in front in the extra inning but now Hilton-ASA were not to be denied.

Mike Doktofsky hit a triple which brought in Burstein who had walked.

The stage was set for third baseman Larry Schwartz who had been responsible for the technical loss in the opener when he had been chucked out of the game. Schwartz took the opportunity to redeem himself with a timely single which won the game, and the title.

BLIND MAGIC. – A man trying to become the first blind yachtsman to cross the Atlantic single-handed, rode out the worst of a tropical storm at sea on Thursday and was in good humour, friends said. Jim Dickson had hoped to reach the safety of a Bermuda harbour but instead decided to remain outside the island's treacherous reef line about 95 kms. north of Bermuda and wait until tropical storm Arlene passed by. Dickson, 41, left Portsmouth, Rhode Island, for Plymouth, England on August 4. He was forced to head for Bermuda (320 kms.) off his course, when the autopilot and satellite navigation system on the sloop broke down. (Reuter)

NATIONAL INSURANCE INSTITUTE

For the Information of Persons who Lived in Holland before January 1, 1957

Israel and Holland have signed a social security agreement, which went into effect on September 1, 1985. This provides for retirement pensions, to be provided by the Dutch Social Security Institute (A.O.W.) to every person who is an Israeli and/or Dutch citizen aged 65 or over, and who lived in Holland before January 1, 1957, and who was an Israeli and/or Dutch resident in the six years following his 59th birthday.

Those who fulfil these conditions, and who have not yet submitted an application for a retirement pension under Dutch law, and those who already receive a partial pension under this law, should submit an application to the National Insurance Institute's Liaison Bureau by September 1, 1987.

Under the terms of the Dutch law, those who submit an application after September 1, 1987, will receive pension rights related to the date on which they make an application and not to September 1, 1985 (the date on which the agreement came into effect).

Application forms are available are the Liaison Bureau, National Insurance Institute, 11 Rehov Hazvi, Jerusalem (corner Rehov Yirmeyahu) Tel. 02-559751.

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Cubans hit back at demonstrators at Pan Am games

Women's long jump record equalled

ALL SMILES. – Jackie Hoyner-Kersee couldn't be happier as she equalls the women's long jump record of 7.45 metres at the Pan American games in Indianapolis. (AFP)

INDIANAPOLIS (AP). – Jackie Joyner-Kersee has passed the long jump torch to her American compatriot Carl Lewis.

Joyner-Kersee, the world record-holder in the Heptathlon, equalled the world mark in the women's long jump late Thursday night, leaping 7.35m. at the Pan American games here.

This weekend, Lewis takes a shot at the men's world record of 8.90m. set by compatriot Bob Beamon in the 1968 Olympics at Mexico City.

"Carl has the speed to jump 30 feet (9.14m.), theoretically," says this coach, Tom Tellez. "The wind has to be correct, the competition has to be correct. But he has the speed and ability to jump 30 feet even at sea level."

Every time Lewis steps onto the long jump runway, the spectre of Beamon hovers over him.

Lewis says breaking the 19-year-old record is secondary to him. But trying to better the Beamon 19-year-old mark is also a natural target for America's current premier long jumper.

That's especially true at the Indiana university track stadium here where Lewis achieved his career-best jump of 8.79m. in 1983 and where he will be jumping at the Pan Am games today.

"The first thing is to win," Lewis says. "I'd like to try and jump as far as I can and take advantage of the great facility here.

Officially, no one has jumped 30 feet, at altitude or sea level. But Lewis had an unofficial jump measured at more than 30 feet at the Indiana stadium. On July 24, 1982, during the U.S. Olympic festival, Lewis hit the long jump board and sailed into the pits, landing beyond the world record marking. An official ruled, however, that Lewis took off beyond the board, an automatic foul negating the jump.

The call was questionable and resulted in much controversy. Although the jump was ruled illegal, and measurements on such jumps generally are not taken, an exception was made. The distance recorded was beyond 9.19m. (30.1').

Lewis took the decision calmly, saying he would have other opportunities to break the record.

Today, might be the day.

Meanwhile, the U.S. has turned up the heat in the overall medals race and sizzled in the pool while Cuban fighters, stung by demonstrators' taunts, brawled at a boxing match.

Americans own nearly half of all gold medals awarded so far – 98 of 201 – and 232 medals overall.

On Friday, they won 17 more, including six in swimming and three in wrestling, and now find themselves duelling with Canada instead of Cuba as the closest medals' rival.

Canada slipped into the No. 2 spot by amassing 110 medals, six more than Cuba.

Cuban protesters, low-key since a scuffle at a baseball game last Sunday, were back in action on Friday night. This time Cuban boxers dealt with them. There was an arrest and injuries.

Angered when they saw several anti-Castro protesters ripping apart their flag, nearly a dozen Cuban fighters raced 20 rows into the stands, grabbed at least two people and pummelled them.

"It was definitely a provoked incident," said Jim Fox, executive director of the U.S. Amateur Boxing Federation.

"The Pan Am games were going very quietly and this group doesn't like it," said Armando Guirola, security chief for the Cuban delegation.

Things were expected to heat up again over the weekend – when the U.S. and Cuba, generally a hot ticket in any sport, were matched together in baseball, handball and women's volleyball.

SQUASH Israeli juniors abroad

By JACK LEON

TEL AVIV. – Fourteen leading Israeli squash players aged between 14 and 18 are nearing the end of a month of overseas competition and training, half of them in South Africa and half in Europe. This is the biggest group of squash juniors to date to spend the summer abroad, in an annual programme going back to 1980.

The trip to South Africa is of a purely personal nature and has no official status, Israel Squash Rackets Association chairman Avraham Albo told me yesterday. It was paid for with contribution from South African Jews and the tour itinerary included matches against Jewish clubs in the Republic. In charge of the Israeli group is Max Subel, co-ordinator of the ISRA's youth committee.

Among the seven players in South Africa is 16-year-old squash prodigy, Tal Ben-Shahar, currently men's and junior national champion. Ben-Shahar will lead Israel's challenge in the European under-19 squash championships taking place here next February.

In Europe, the Israeli boys and girls achieved some useful results in international tournaments in West German, France, Belgium and England. The country's No. 1 woman player Claire Levine, 19, of the Herzliya Squash Centre, is meanwhile spending four weeks in Britain.

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The day of the Lavi

THE BUILD up for what has been hailed as the cabinet's decisive meeting today on the fate of the Lavi has been unprecedented. No other issue, devolving itself into the need for a final government decision, has received such a degree of public debate and public notice.

On one level this vast and extended public discussion can be considered a celebration of the democratic process. Any citizen who cares has by now been able to avail himself of so much information as to feel no less competent than the ministers to formulate a position.

On the other hand, the immense volume of rhetoric that has been fired over or at the public in the contest between the contending interest groups has also helped confound the issues. For it has introduced an odour of partisan politics into the subject, which for the average citizen must seem as a wholly alien intrusion.

The army, the minister of finance, and now the minister of defence all speak in the language of real costs, real alternatives, real benefits. They deal in numbers and tangible priorities. The constraints of reality lead them to oppose continuance of the project.

Arrayed against them, however, are the proponents who speak a wholly different language. They talk of hi-tech industrial infrastructure, without proving that the Lavi is an exclusive condition for that, or invoke a rhetoric of national pride and patriotism. Such talk cannot be countered with figures. But such talk also conveniently fails to explain where the finances for the project are to come from.

And behind that talk, whether justified or not, are suspicions of partisan purpose. Likud ministers, architects of the project, are said to be loath to appear that they erred. At the same time Labour ministers do not wish to forfeit the patriotic platform solely to the Likud. And neither party wishes to alienate that electoral constituency that has come to be known as the Israel Aircraft Industries. For some, like Housing Minister David Levy, whose brother is the mayor of Lod, home of IAI, that electoral consideration is no abstraction.

Amidst all these political considerations, the individual ministers may be prompted to make their personal calculations. Some who oppose but prefer to support, may vote in favour of continuing the project on the assumption that other nay sayers will get them off the hook. There are those who believe that both Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir and Foreign Minister Shimon Peres belong in this group. But if so, they are certainly not alone.

When viewed in these terms, the long agonizing cabinet debate, with its very visible public overflow, is not quite the celebration of democracy that it appears to be at first sight. For the citizenry, no matter how cynical, cannot identify with the intrusion of partisan and personal political calculation into an issue of such moment for the economy and security of the nation.

Even those, and they are no doubt the majority of the people, who would themselves feel a personal sense of pain and disappointment by decision to jettison the project, must prefer the straight talk of the finance minister and the defence minister. Decisiveness, even when painful, is a more bracing expression of democratic values, than hemming and hawing in order to please the people today at the cost of tomorrow.

LAVI

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Ya'acobi said in a special statement over the weekend that he had reached his "painful" decision after considering all relevant facts and studying the figures for several weeks. He said he had been persuaded by the joint position of the army and Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, who are firmly against the project. Under the present circumstances the continuation of the project was beyond Israel's econoic capabilities, Ya'acobi said.

Ya'acobi added that the emphatic position of the U.S. and Washington's offer to enlarge the military aid which Israel could spend here from $300 to $400 million a year had also played a role in his decision.

Ya'acobi had asked his ministry's economists to draft an independent study of the figures relevant to the Lavi. The team's final conclusions were very close to those of the Defence Ministry, which are in turn supported fully by the Treasury. According to these figures if the project is continued $200 million a year will have to be added to the defence budget over the next decade.

Ya'acobi said that a scheme could be worked out to channel resources freed by cancellation of the project to Israel Aircraft Industries and to other plants that have been involved with the Lavi. These resources should be used in developing weapon systems demanded by the army. The avionic systems connected to the Lavi should not be stopped since they have great export potential, Ya'acobi added.

The Bank of Israel on Friday released a document drafted by Governor Michael Bruno in which he delineates his reasons for opposing the Lavi. The 10-point document states that continuation of the project could have a determining influence over the future of Israel's industry.

Israel has much to benefit, Bruno stresses, from the development and production of avionic systems, but will in no way be able to export a jetfighter. Only a small number of super-powers can allow themselves the luxury of producing military jets since only the production of a large number of aircraft would make development costs economically viable, Bruno says.

The Lavi will mean, Bruno goes on, uncertainty on the future, and a limit to the flexibility of Israel's industry to respond to unexpected developments. There is much to gain from investing in a series of small projects, rather than in one large one, he maintains. The fact that $1.5b. has already been invested should not be an argument for going on with the project. The decision should be future-oriented, rather than past directed, Bruno says.

The Bank head concludes that the cost to the economy of going on with the project at a cost of some $2b. is too high. On the other hand, by investing these sums in industrial development it would be possible to increase exports by $500m. a year. This would represent a rise in industrial exports by some 20 per cent. Going ahead with the Lavi would mean leaving fewer resources for other uses, rising interest rates and rising taxes. The Lavi will harm economic growth, not encourage it, says Bruno.

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plan to build a $50m. simulator. Fewer planes would be produced each year making for an anticipated total of 90.

The IAI also promised to cut wages and make other changes so that an hours work would cost $30.

The Lavi programme, could thus, the company maintained be implemented at a cost of $450m. a year instead of the originally earmarked $550m.

This is basically the same plan the IAI had presented to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir several weeks ago. Shamir's economic advisers had expressed doubts whether it could be carried out, and a senior defence source was equally sceptical yesterday.

Another source who attended Friday's meeting said the IAI's presentation was neither "cohesive enough" nor sufficiently well-organized.

"If they come in a year's time and say they can't continue at this price – what will we do? They are, after all, not a private company."

The U.S. has allowed Israel to use $300m. of its aid to finance projects developed in Israel and the IAI wants $250m. of that for the Lavi. But the defence establishment wants all that money for other programmes it considers more important.

Superpower time-bomb in the Gulf

Gideon Rafael

HISTORICAL analogies are rarely apt. However, not infrequently they do display recurrent features, mostly missed warning-signals, worth heeding in order to avoid a repetition of errors. Although, as Barbara Tuchman points out in her *March of Folly*, "to recognize folly, to cut losses, to alter course, is the most repugnant option in government."

Twenty years ago, President Nasser expelled the United Nations forces from Sinai and the entrance to the Gulf of Akaba, clearing the way for the massive deployment of Egyptian forces south of Israel's border and the reinstitution of the blockade of the Straits of Tiran, the only maritime passageway into the gulf.

This was a fatal step for Israel was compelled to resist it, since it strangulated its only access to East Africa and the Far East via the Red Sea.

Ten years earlier, Israel had withdrawn its forces from Sinai and Sharm e-Sheikh, the choke-point of the Gulf of Akaba, not only in response to joint Soviet-American pressure, but in return for explicit international undertakings proffered from the UN by the principal Western maritime powers. The United States led the consortium of guarantor states pledged to uphold the freedom of navigation in the gulf and to recognize Israel's right to act in self-defence in case of the renewal of interference with its shipping.

When the crisis erupted in May 1967, the U.S. reaffirmed its commitment, but urged Israel to refrain from instant unilateral action. It preferred a joint show of strength by the principal maritime powers, either by calling Nasser's bluff or, if resisted, by forcing their way into the gulf. Washington dispatched urgent invitations to France, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, the Netherlands and other guarantor states to participate in an expedition code-named "Operation Regatta."

France declined the invitation unreservedly. The others were less explicit in their refusal, but no more forthcoming. In short, "Regatta" was scuttled before it took to sea.

Israel, faced with a grave military threat, a naval blockade and an array of unredeemed international guarantees, decided to exercise its right of self-defence, enjoying the tacit consent of the U.S. and the benign understanding of the governments which had failed it. In six days of fighting, it removed the blockade as well as the armies of Egypt, Syria and Jordan from Sinai, the Golan Heights and the West Bank.

NOW 20 YEARS later, another gulf crisis is approaching a climax. Unlike the 1967 conflict, which was regional in its dimensions, with the superpowers watching in the background, the present confrontation in the Persian Gulf has global implications, for it places the U.S. and the Soviet Union in the forefront of the conflict. While both agree on the need to terminate the war between Iraq and Iran, they shun taking joint steps to accelerate the implementation of the recent unanimous resolution of the Security Council ordering the cessation of the fighting.

Washington and Moscow are steering separate but not inevitably colliding courses in the Gulf.

The USSR supplies arms to Iraq, carefully nurtures its relations with Iran, and extends its political and maritime support to the Arab oil-producing states in the area.

The U.S. until recently swaying between Iraq and Iran, reaching the nadir of its disorientation when it channelled arms to the Khomeini regime, is now trying to placate its deeply disturbed Arab friends by shielding their oil shipments against Iranian interference. The pronounced increase of U.S. naval activity in the Gulf is prompted, not by a desire to tip the scales in favour of Iraq (Washington prefers an indecisive outcome of the war) but to ensure the unimpeded supply of oil to its purchasers, predominant, among them America's allies in Western Europe, and Japan. For the U.S. itself, Gulf oil has ceased to be a matter of major importance: it constitutes not more than 6 per cent of its total petroleum imports.

The main beneficiaries of U.S. protection and solidarity, however were hesitant to assume for responsibility safeguarding the freedom of navigation and their own immediate interests. Their governments deemed it opportune then to turn down American appeals to share the burden, and initially refused to extend emergency aid in the form of minesweepers.

Nor have the Arab states directly concerned shown any inclination to facilitate the task of the U.S. Navy and Air Force in the area.

THE USEFULNESS of the measures taken by the Washington administration may be arguable. However, at this stage, when Iranian-fanned Islamic fanaticism threatens to engulf the entire region shirking joint responsibility and action is the least convincing way to stem the tide. The question arises whether the Western powers were fully aware of the consequences of seeming to leave their principal ally in the lurch?

An America abandoned by its friends and abused by its enemies would have been confronted with the single choice: to stand up alone for itself and its allies, or to pack up. Its military strength is not at stake, Iran is no match for the U.S. if it comes to the crunch. At stake is the cohesion and credibility of the Western alliance; outside forces have been working for decades to undermine it.

The battle-cry of the American revolutionaries was "No taxation without representation." The Western allies would have forfeited their right to make representations to their leading partner if they had not been prepared to tax their own strength in defence of the common cause. A deserted and disappointed America would act according to its own wisdom untempered by friendly advice from burden-sharing partners. Were the U.S. left to go it alone, a possible blow-up in the Persian Gulf would have worldwide repercussions, incomparable in their global gravity to the regional tremors which shook the Middle East when a solitary Israel had to fend for itself in defence of its rights in the Gulf of Akaba.

But before embarking on the road to disaster, it is not too late to explore the path of reason. In many instances, oil has been the cause of war. To use it as an instrument of war, is playing with a fire which may consume both those who ignited it and those who are trying to extinguish it.

There is still time to pause and negotiate the prosciption of oil as a weapon of war. An agreement on this single issue between the superpowers and the countries directly involved would have a beneficial effect all round, on producing, consuming and carrying states alike. It would reduce the dangers emanating from hostile maritime interference as well as from the measures taken to foil it.

The writer is a former director-general of the Foreign Ministry.

READERS' LETTERS

ORTHODOX VIEW OF WORLD ZIONIST CONGRESS ELECTIONS

To the Editor of the Jerusalem Post

Sir, – Reports on the World Zionist Congress elections in the U.S. have given vent to the view that Conservative and Reform successes in the balloting represent gains over Orthodoxy. The public, however, whether pro, anti or ambivalent regarding Orthodox Judaism is ill-served by this evaluation.

The elections were not a competition between Orthodox, Conservative and Reform religious groups, and the results bear no reflection of gained or lost ground. At least where Orthodoxy is concerned.

It is true that *Reform* and *Conservative* Jewish leaders commited their entire religious movements behind their effort to wrest political control of the World Zionist Organization (a body which, incidentally, is essentially secular). However, they weren't competing against Orthodoxy, but against the narrow focus of a limited group within Orthodoxy. The slate put forward for the Zionist Congress by those Orthodox who participated in the elections, the Religious Zionist groups, represented only one segment of a very broad and diverse Orthodox Jewish world.

A major portion of the Orthodox community in the U.S., while deeply commited to Israel and its well-being, does not – due to its own religious perspectives – participate in the World Zionist Organization. This includes the preponderance of the vast yeshiva world, the Agudat Israel movement and the large number of hasidic groups, huge constituencies that are widely regarded as primary sectors of Orthodox vitality.

Granted, Reform and Conservative leaders, now that they are taking it over, would like to project the Zionist Congress as some kind of representative plenum of Jewish opinion. But a large mainstream of Orthodoxy does not view it as such at all.

And since they don't, it isn't.

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IDF WAR VETERANS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – Unfortunately it took a pitiful demonstration by Joel Miller and his paraphlegic friends to bring their plight to the attention of the press and the public (See Greer Fay Cashman's article of July 31).

True, everybody seems to be having financial problems nowadays, but how can we let these ex-soldiers suffer like this? Don't we owe them a little more respect?

Where are the wonderful volunteers of the Soldiers' Welfare Association who have done such splendid work in organizing and building recreational centres, convalescent homes, etc. With Rosh Hashana coming up soon, they are probably planning gift parcels for the soldiers. I believe not one of the soldiers serving now would object if that money were used instead to make life more comfortable and bearable for those who were unfortunate enough to have had to fight a war while they were serving in the IDF.

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OUTDATED NOMENCLATURE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – As a sequel to your topical and accurate editorial of July 12, "Tackling yerida," may I have a plea for some venerable modern Israeli lexicographer to promote value-free purely descriptive Hebrew equivalents for immigration and emigration in place of the perniciously judgmental and no-longer tenable terms aliya and yerida: perniciously judgmental because of the solipsistically back-patting accolade inherent in the one and the holier-than-thou slur implicit in the other; and no-longer tenable because the nation's character has so changed that the once hope-filled aliya (ascent) has too often proved in effect a down-sliding, disaffected personal yerida, while yerida (descent) to another place has in fact become a truer, more accomplished private aliya.

Halutzic language, apt perhaps in an age more innocent and idealistic, is *passe* in a brusquer, more hidebound, more dissonant and nationally riven posthalutzic one.

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COLONEL JOHN HENRY PATTERSON

To The Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – I am writing a biography of Colonel John Henry Patterson, commander of the Jewish Legion in World War I and supporter of the Zionist cause, who died in California in 1947. And I would be very pleased to hear from any reader who knew him or of him.

Patterson, a Dublin-born Protestant, was a British Army officer who fought in the Boer War, as well as in World War I, and commanded the Royal Irish Fusiliers, the Royal Dublin Fusiliers and the Thirty-eighth Battalion, Royal Fusiliers.

He was a leader of the Jewish Mule Corps at Gallipoli and a friend of Vladimir Jabotinsky. He wrote *With the Zionist in Gallipoli,* [1916] and *With the Judeans in the Palestine Campaign*, [1922]. He tried to raise a Jewish army to fight Hitler in World War II.

Any information about Colonel Patterson and his family will be most welcome.

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EAST JERUSALEM DEMONSTRATION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – I write concerning the *Post's* report on August 14 written by Andy Court and Joel Greenberg and entitled "Violent Demo in E. Jerusalem."

In that report, one or two of my observations concerning what transpired in the East Jerusalem YMCA after the demonstration were quoted. However, some of the most significant information which I provided Mr. Court was omitted. That information deserves to be shared with *Post* readers.

Israeli security personnel forced their way into the YMCA and beat not *one* but *two* students "on the back and on the shoulders." Neither student offered resistance, and *both* were dragged away on their backs while curled in fetal positions.

The first student seized – Wilem de Fieu of Belgium – was hit once on the head, hard, as he was being dragged out the YMCA's main door.

Blood spurted from De Fieu's head, leaving a pool of some 15 inches long and 4-5 inches wide on the YMCA's terrace. The blow which inflicted this wound – as indeed all other blows which were struck within the YMCA – were totally unnecessary to effect the detention of the students.

My judgment is that the Israeli policemen "lost their cool" and came close to staging their own riot inside the YMCA. Surely, such unconsionable behaviour ought to be of concern to responsible officials within the Israeli security establishment.

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PILOTS AND RELIGION

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – I refer to Joshua Brilliant's recent article on pilots and religion. Defence Minister Rabin has repeatedly denied that any order was given regarding banning visits to Ohr Somayach. "The ban," he said, "was in fact a blanket decision regarding *all* yeshivot, all inclusive." Mr. Rabin told me this personally.

Mounting left wing political pressure helped bring about the decision of the education corps and army chaplaincy to limit IDF soldiers' exposure to in-house Judaism.

In a symposium sponsored by *Yediot Ahronot* M.K. Elazar Granot of Mapam told us that there is no reason that an IDF conscript should be taught more about Rosh Hashana than about May Day. He was interested, he explained, in "a country for Jews" and not "a Jewish country."

The hundreds of enthusiastic letters on file at Ohr Somayach from officers and conscripts testify to something. Is it not insulting to the IDF to suggest that it took the responsible leadership 10 years to get around to deciding that yeshiva visits were problematic?

As to the blood libel about the pilots, it has been repeated so frequently that some reporters may have even begun to believe their own reports. The handful of pilots who studied at Ohr Somayach were encouraged to continue to fly and in fact did continue to fly while studying at Ohr Somayach.

Many more times the number of pilots who have became *ba'alei teshuva* have become *yordim*. Of those who have become *ba'alei teshuva*, most elected to continue flying. Some were allowed to do so by the IDF, others were not.

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REST-ROOM FACILITIES

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, – I agree with the comments made by Valerie Phillis (Letters – July 16) regarding the appalling conditions of public toilets in Israel.

We are immigrants from South Africa. As petrol prices there are the same at all pumps, the major oil companies compete for customers on the basis of service (petrol attendant) and clean rest-room facilities. Caltex in particular had a massive campaign specifically aimed at informing the public that whenever they saw the white rabbit sign, this was a guarantee that the rest-rooms would conform with their standards. The public were encouraged to report below-standard rest-rooms.

I suggest that the oil companies in Israel clean up the toilet facilities at their petrol stations. Those stations which offer the best rest-room facilities will undoubtedly be more than amply rewarded financially with clients, tired of dirty toilets at their usual petrol stations.

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